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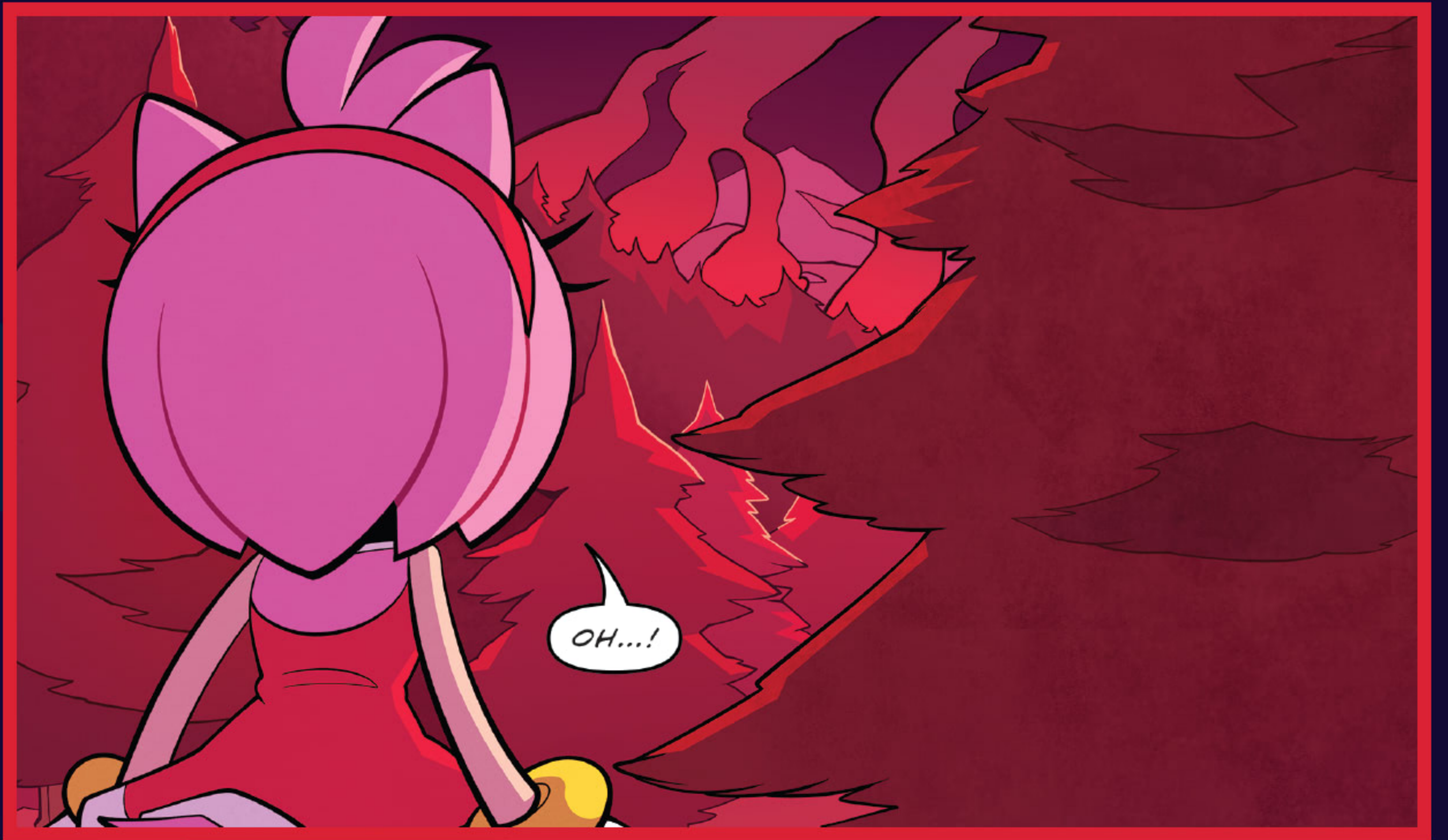


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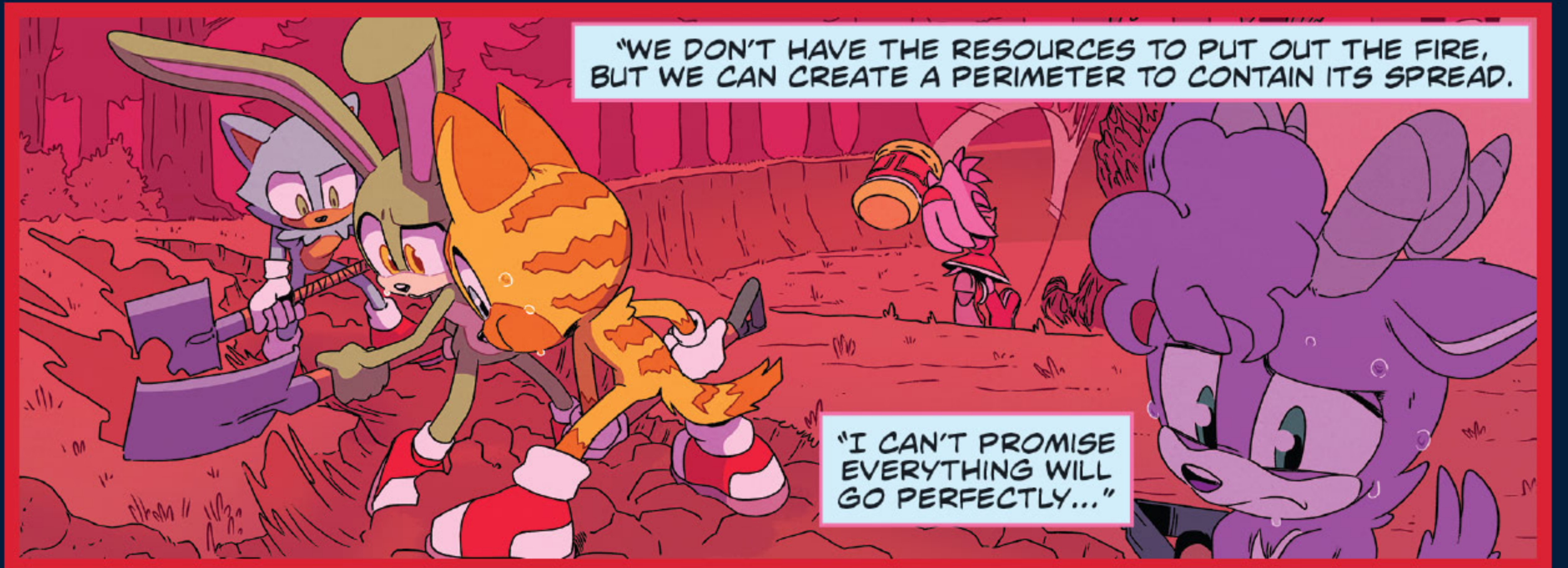


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**STORY SO FAR**







**AMY ROSE**

Hammer-swinging Heroine.  
Restoration ally.



**TANGLE THE LEMUR**

Excitable Hero.  
Elastic-tailed brawler.



**BELLE THE TINKERER**

Clumsy Marionette.  
Enthusiastic new-comer.



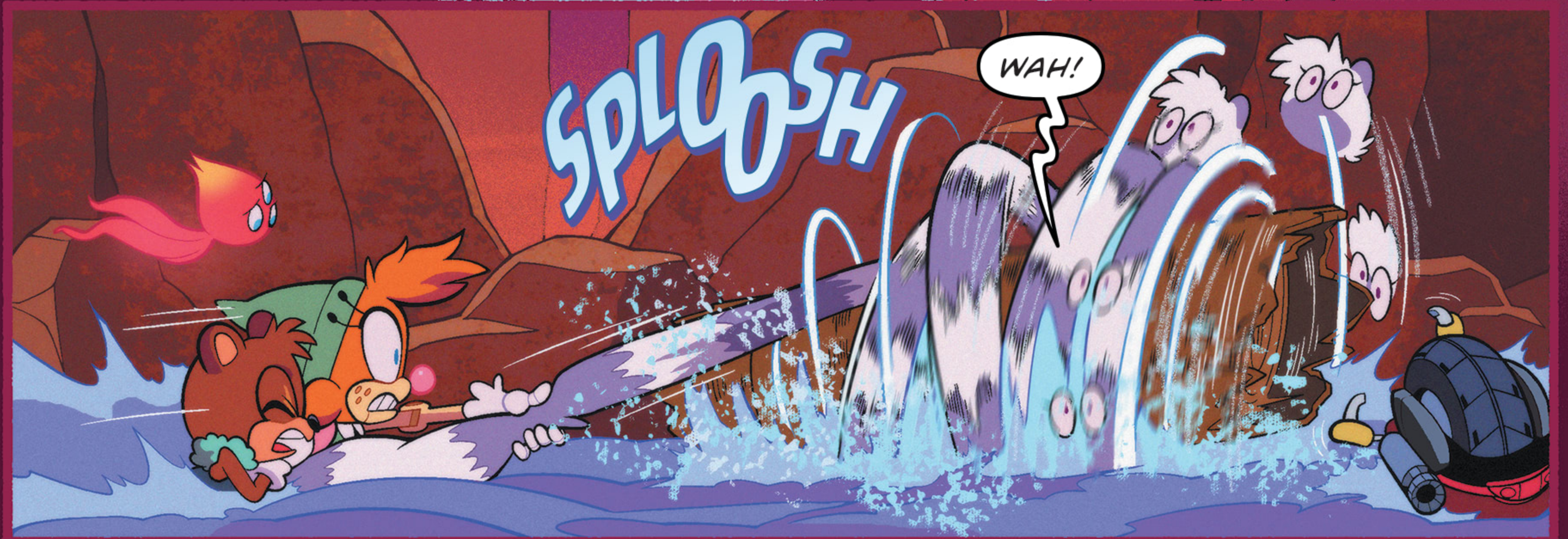
**JEWEL THE BEETLE**

Restoration Leader.  
Tangle's best friend.

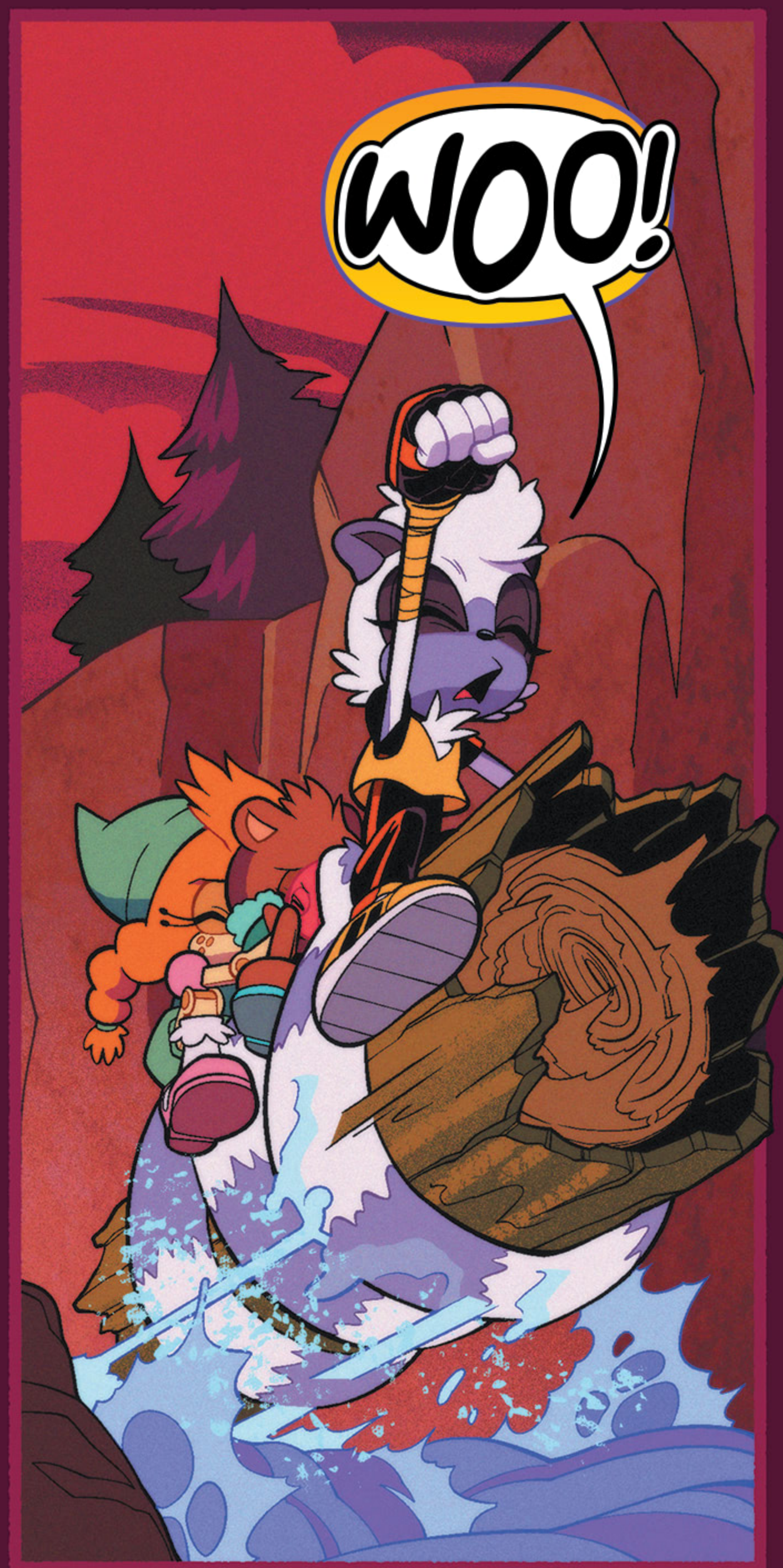




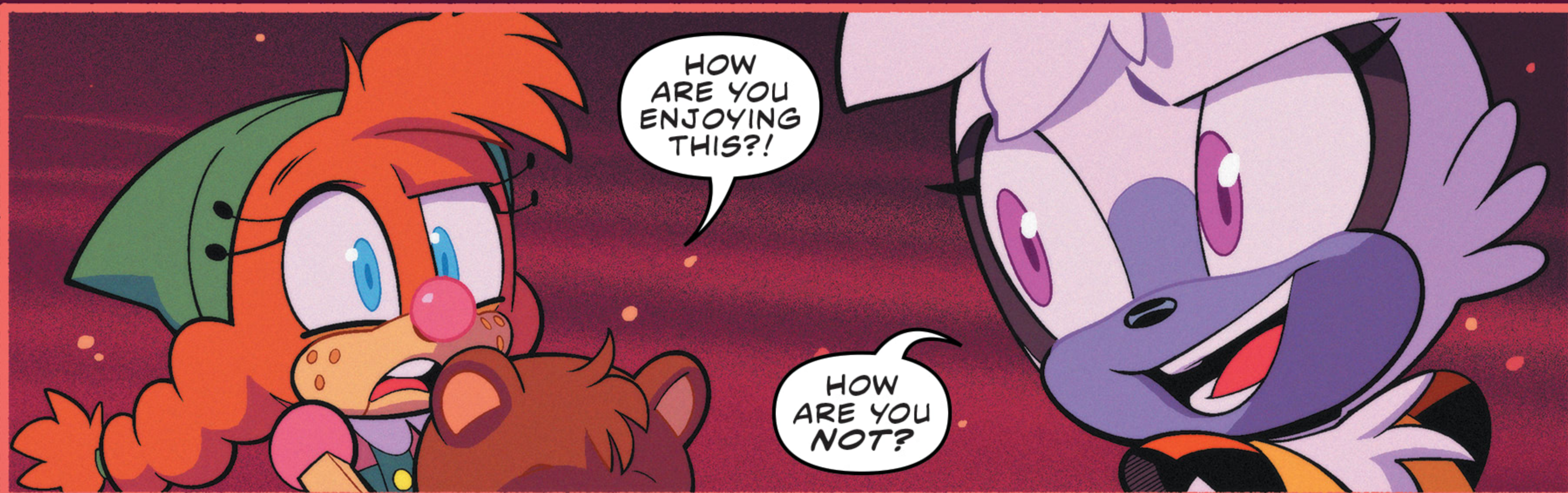






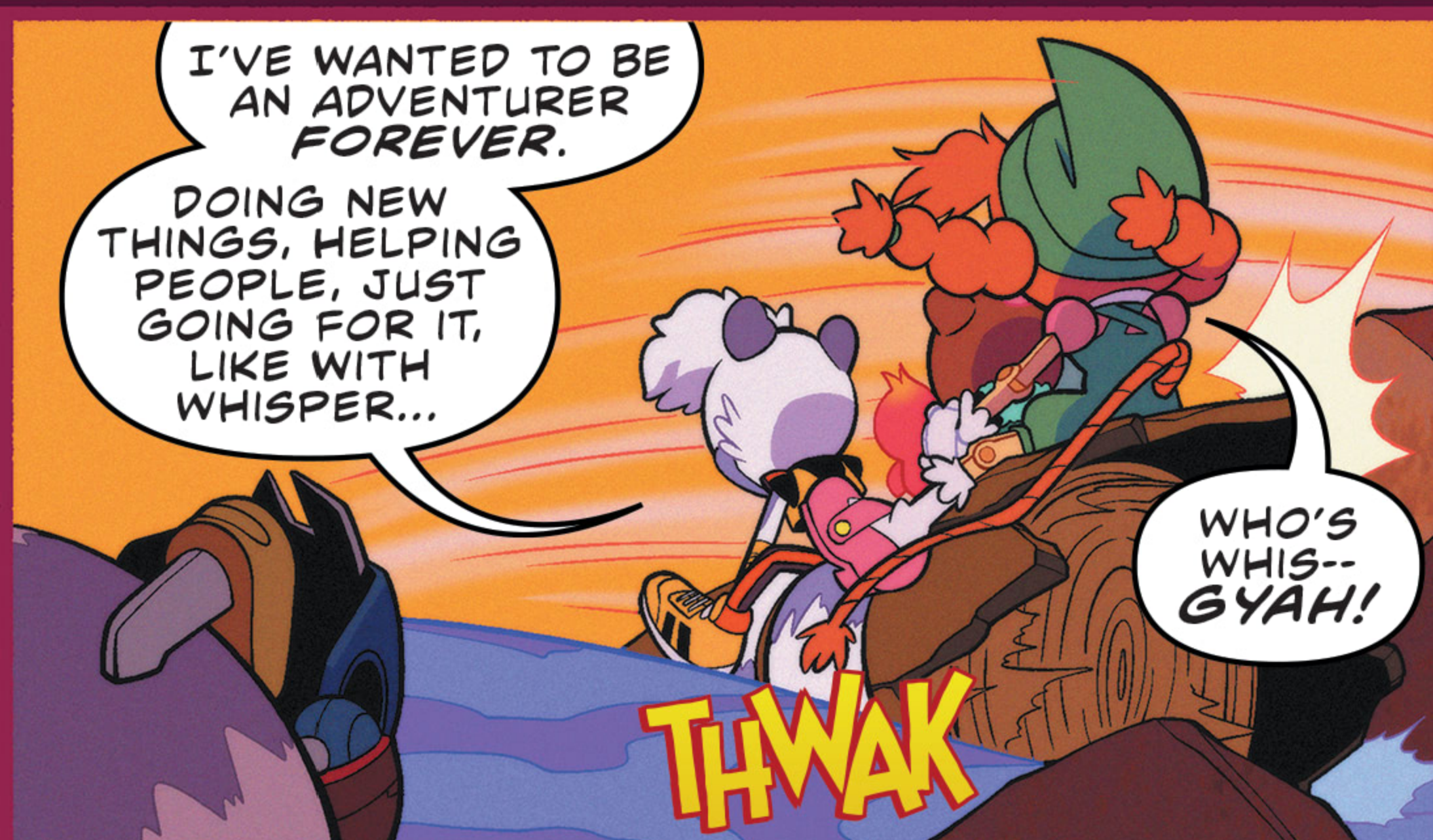






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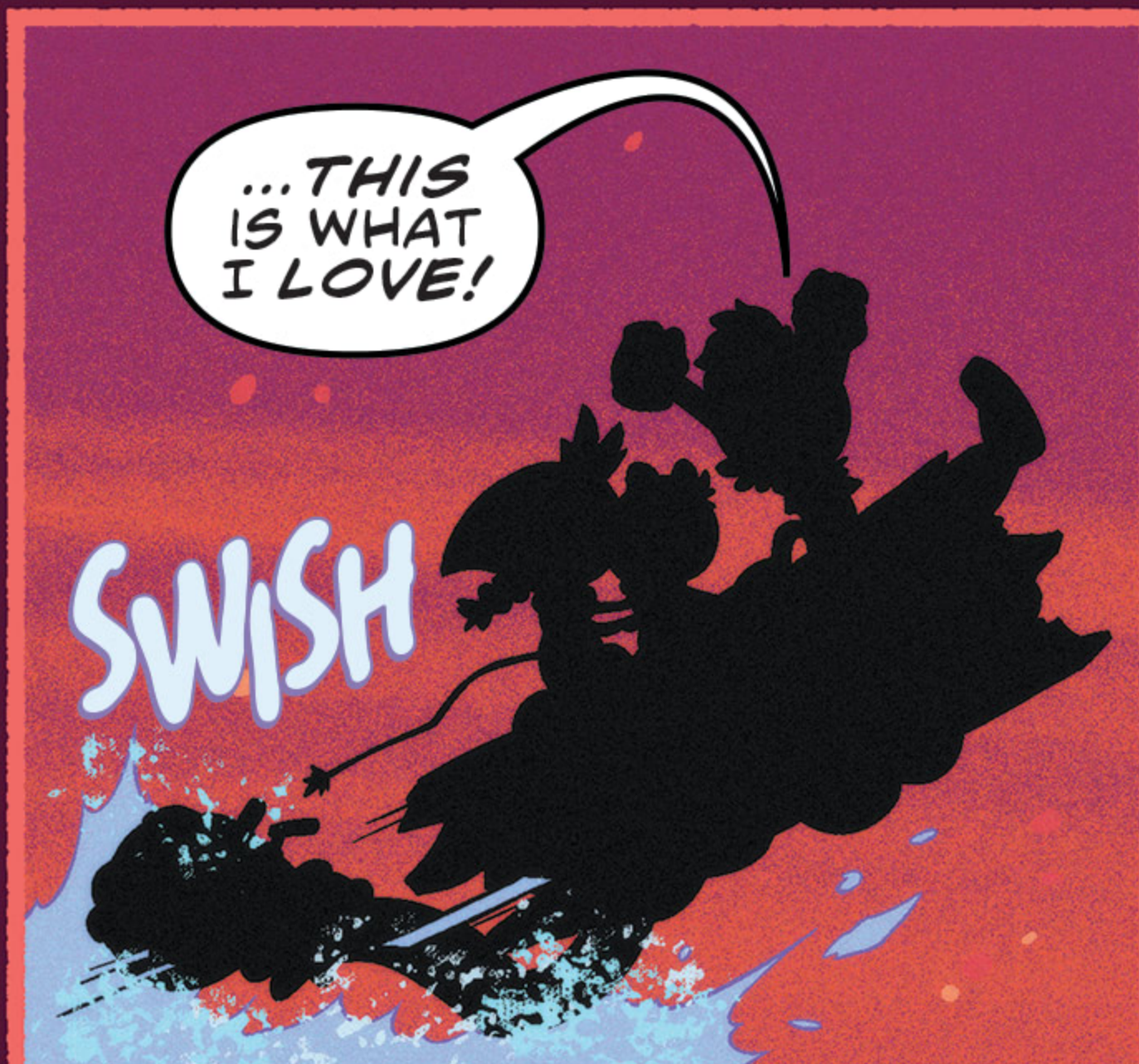
HOW ARE YOU NOT?



I'VE WANTED TO BE AN ADVENTURER FOREVER.  
DOING NEW THINGS, HELPING PEOPLE, JUST GOING FOR IT, LIKE WITH WHISPER...

WHO'S WHIS--  
GYAH!

THWAK



...THIS IS WHAT I LOVE!

SWISH

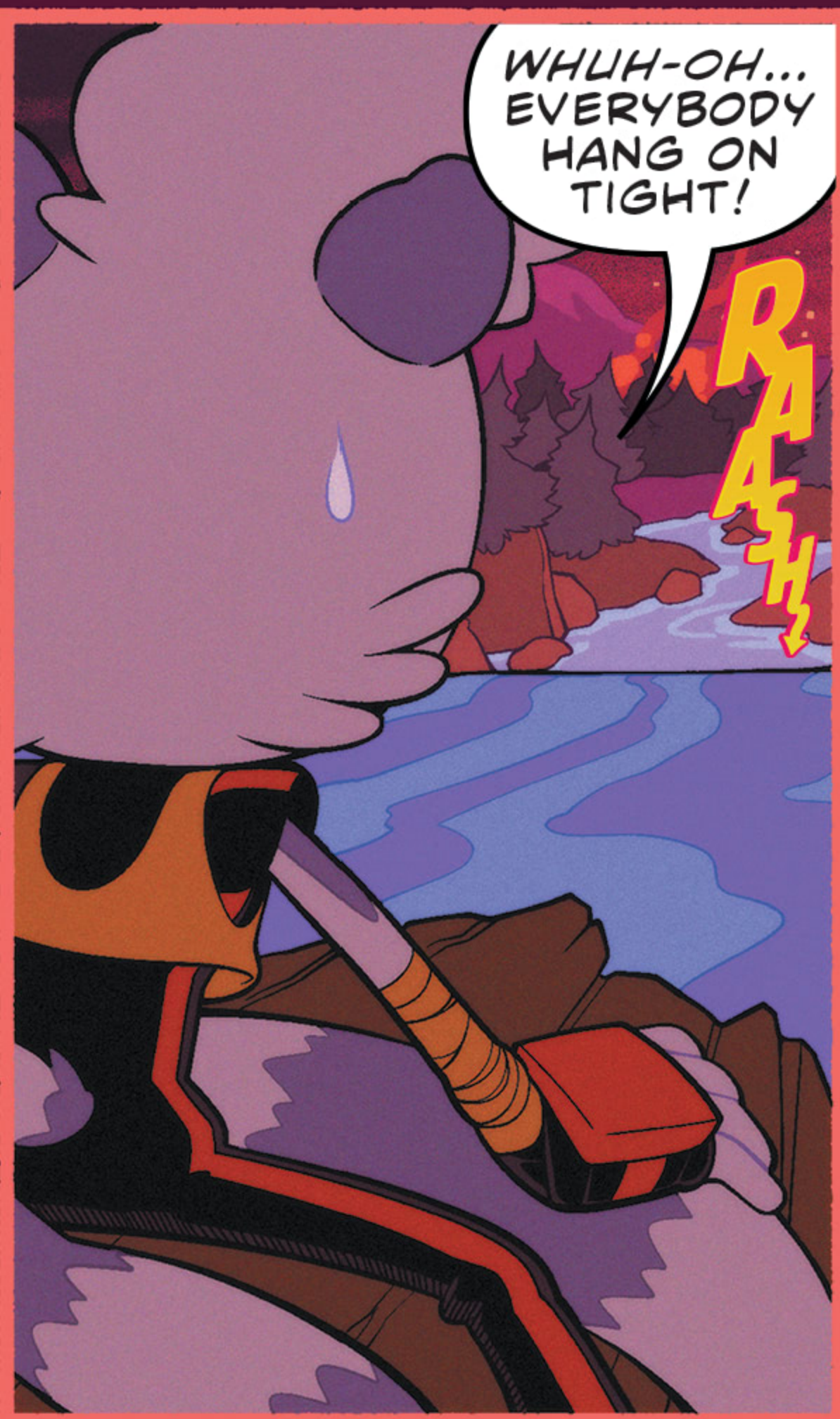


BELIEVING IN YOURSELF LIKE THAT... IT DOESN'T COME EASILY TO EVERYONE. YOU'RE LUCKY.

HUH. NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT WAY.

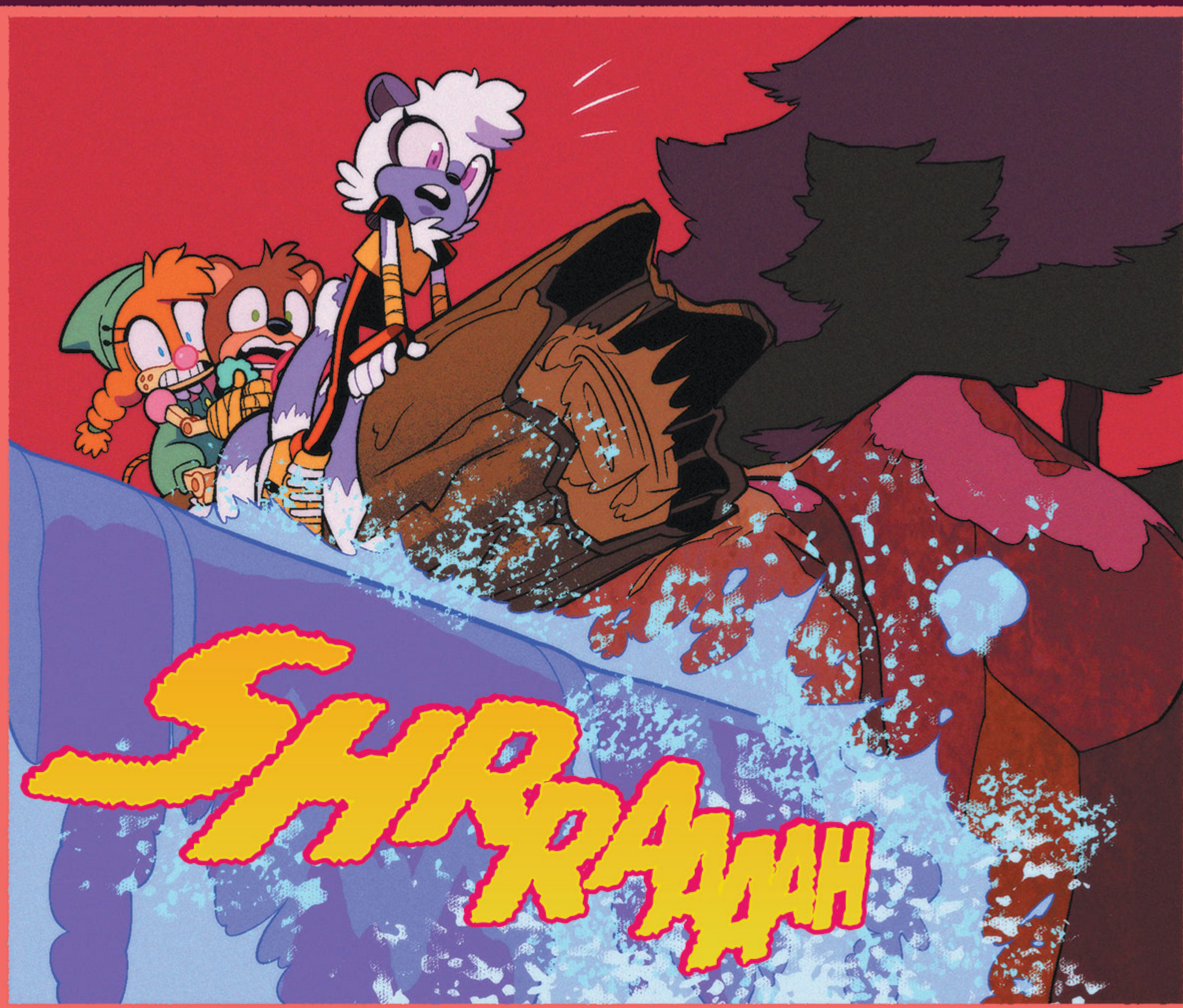
SPLASH

SHRRRRRRR



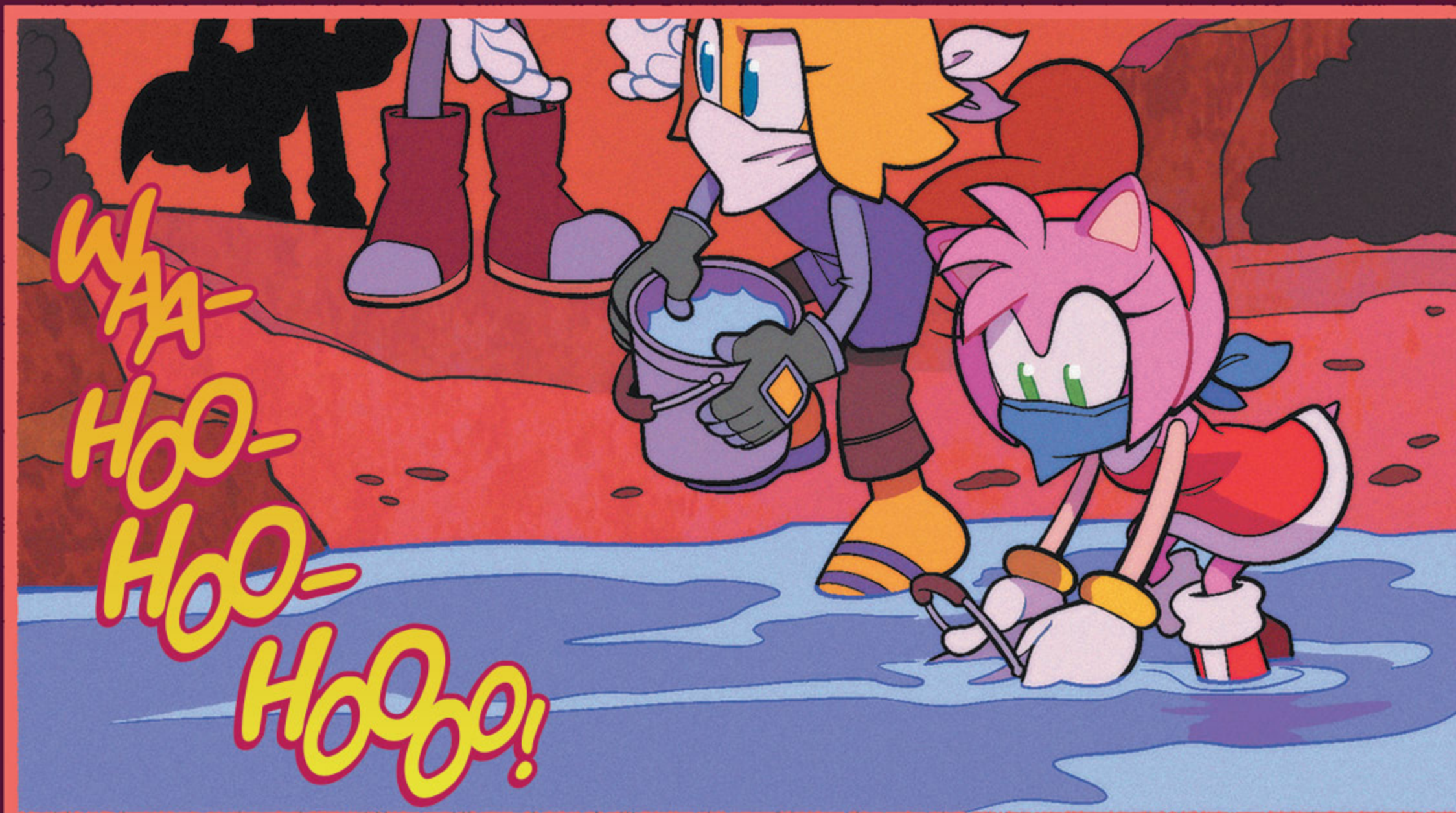
WHUH-OH... EVERYBODY HANG ON TIGHT!

RAAH

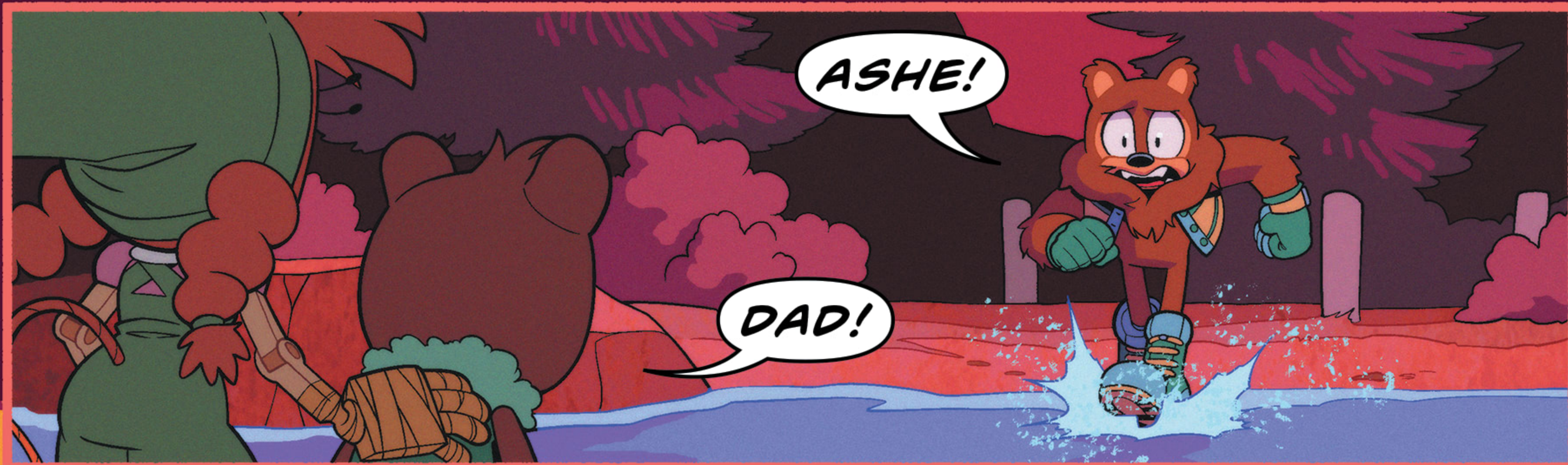


SHRRRAAAH

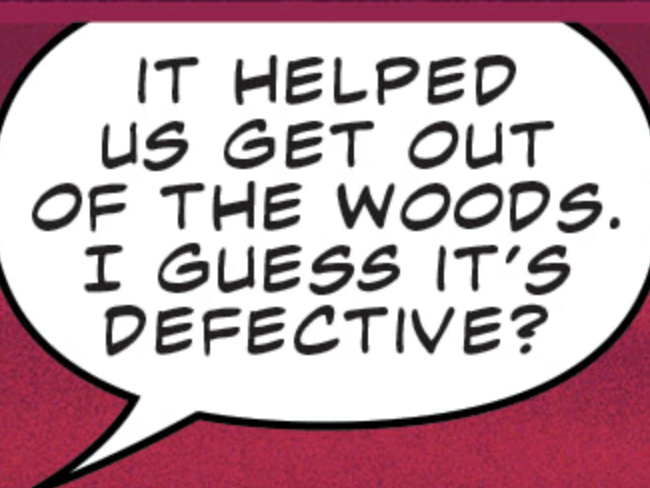
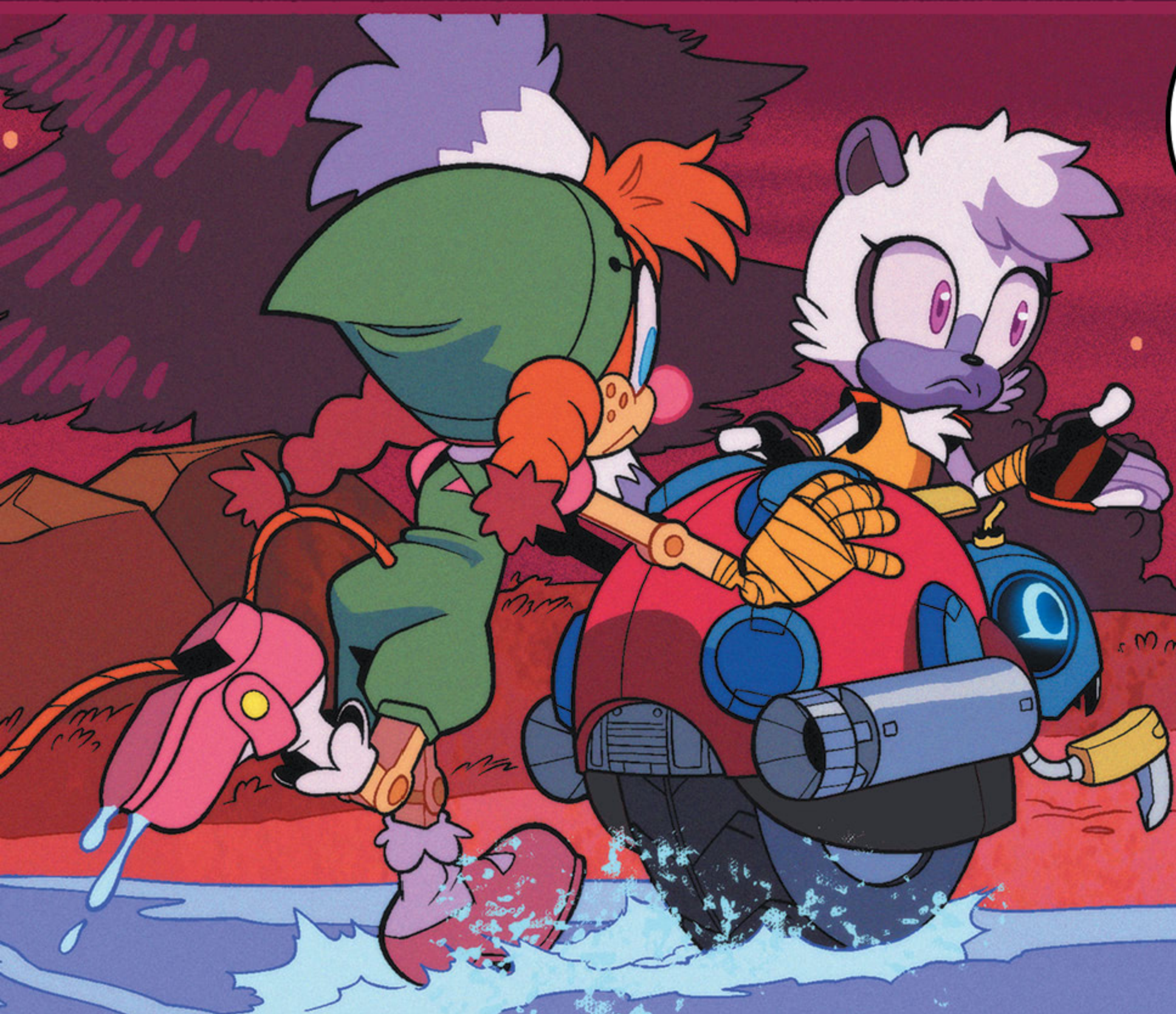
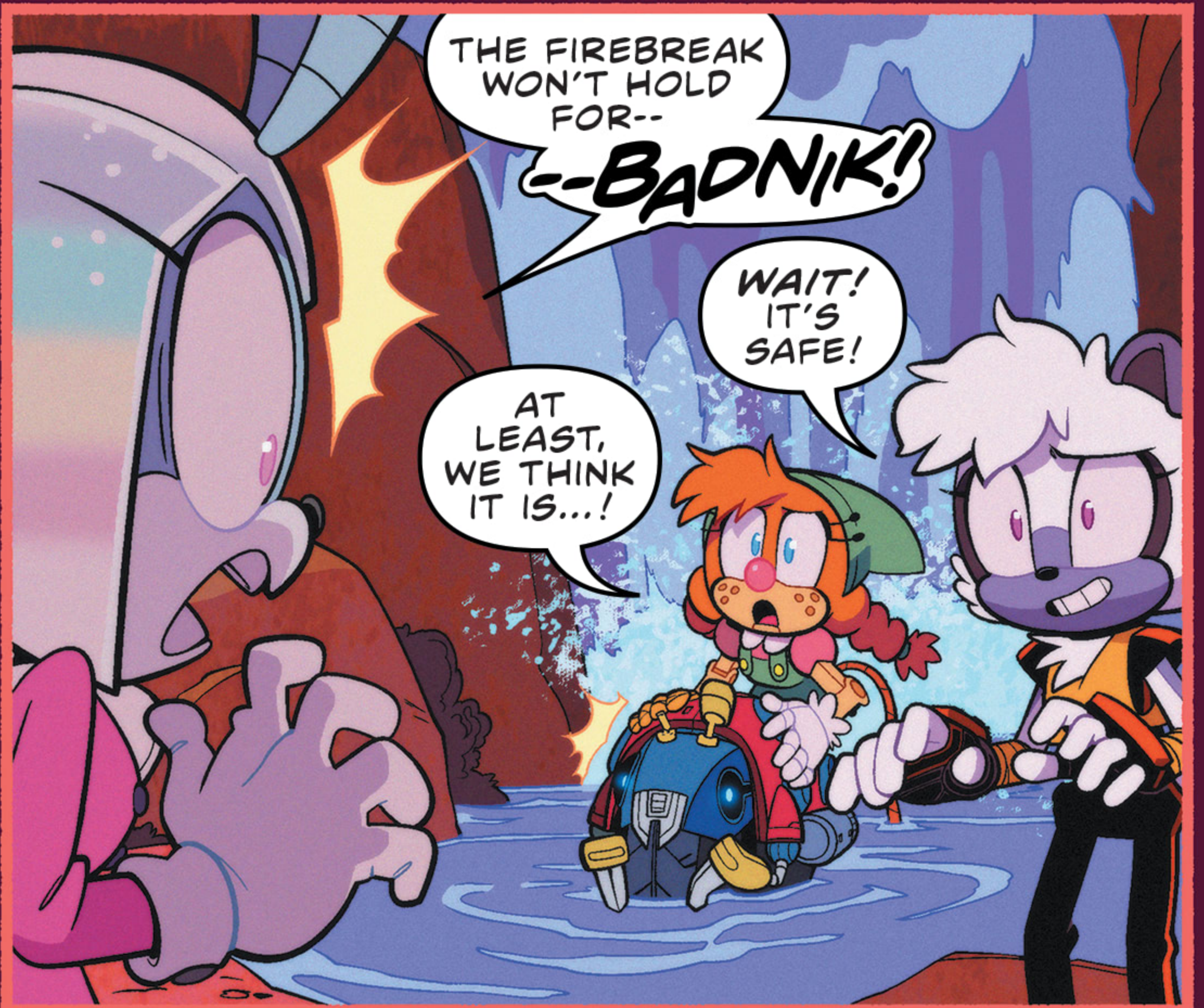




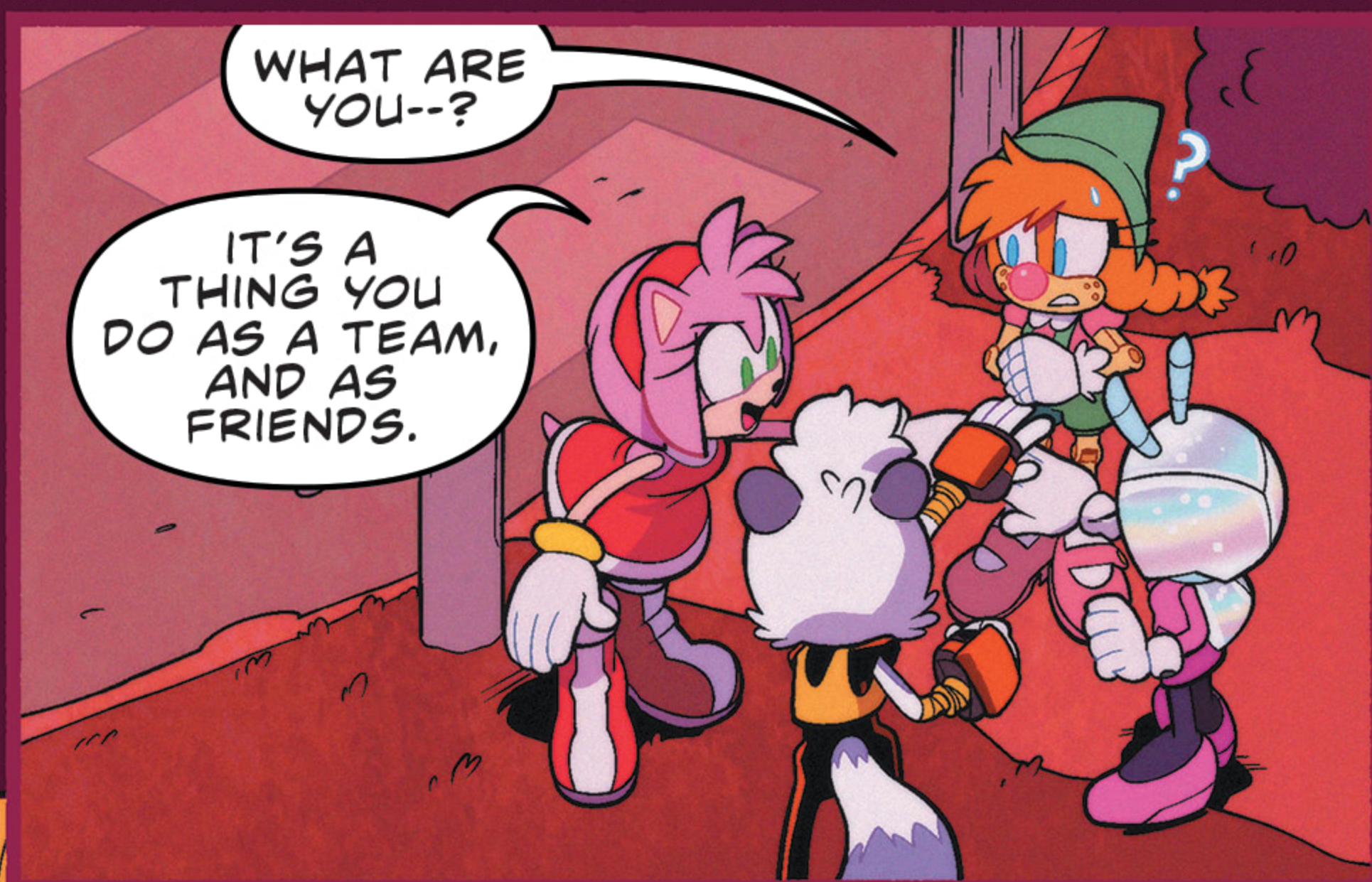
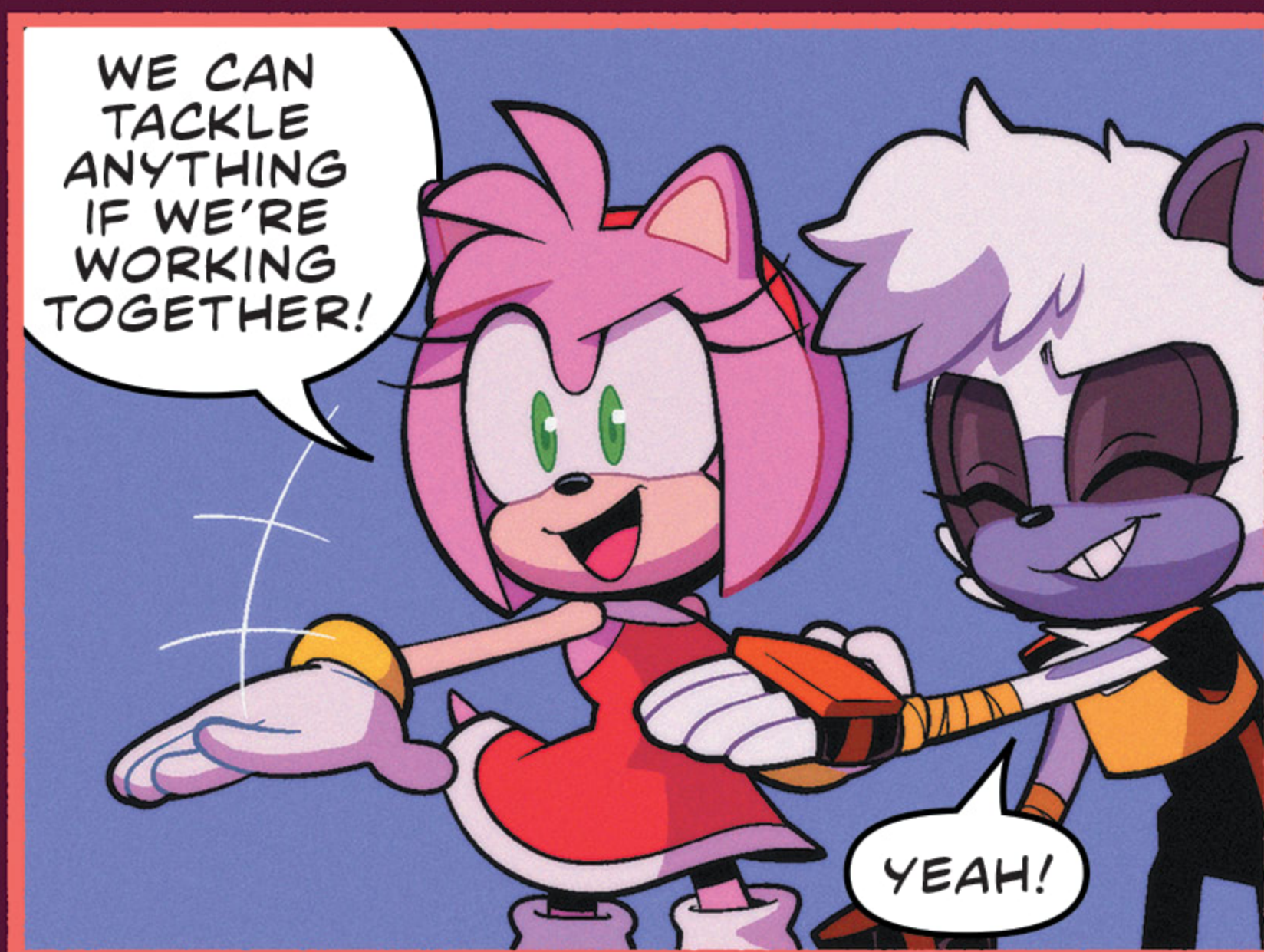
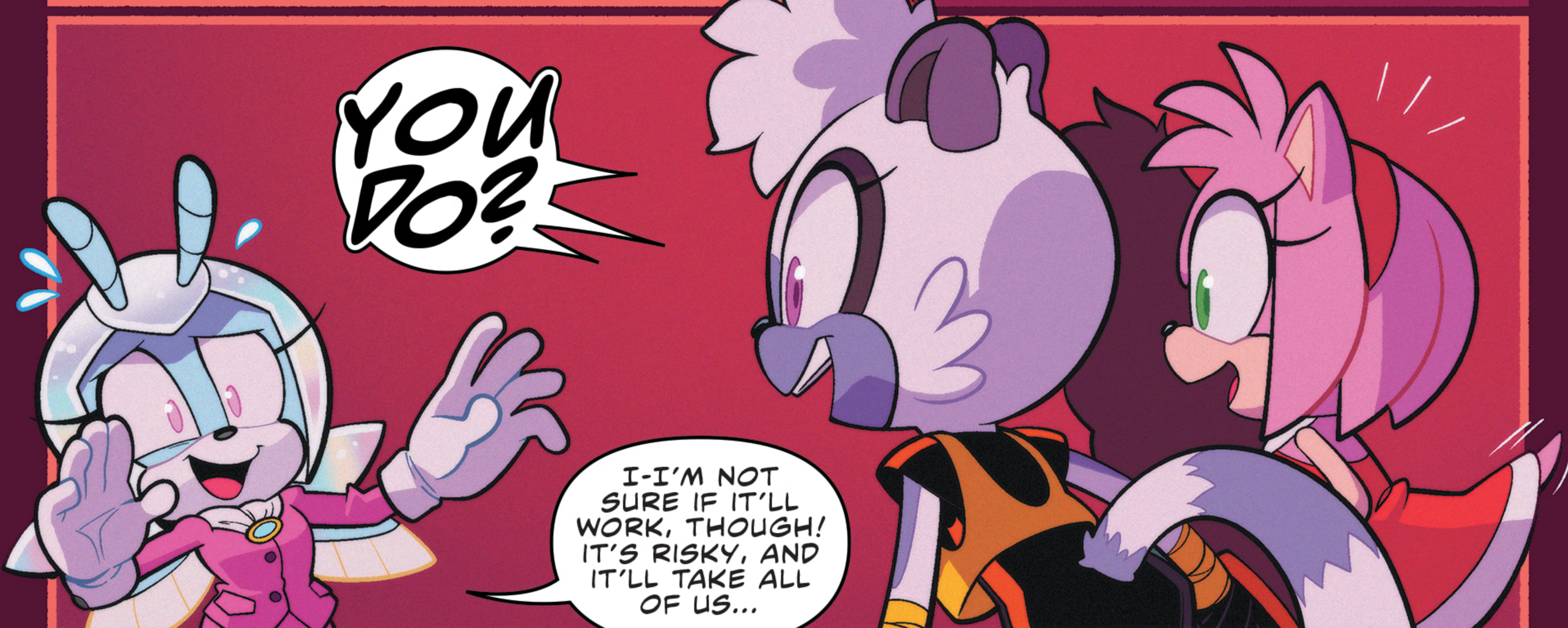






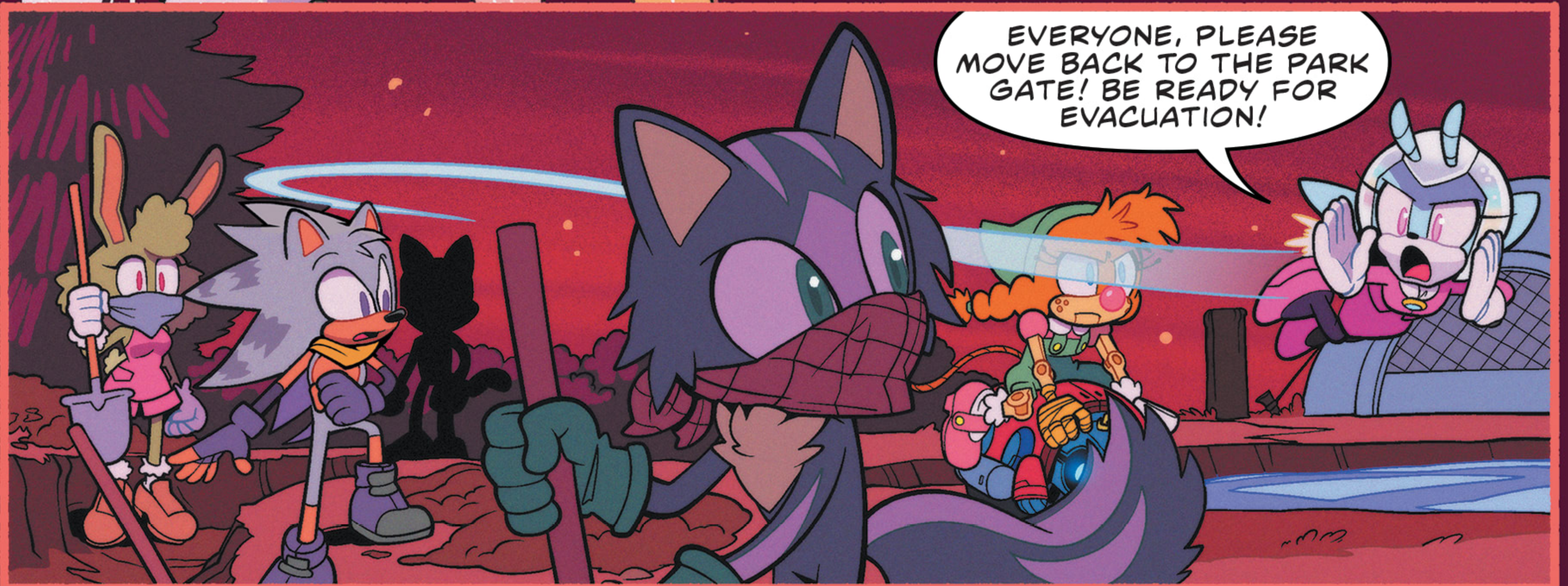
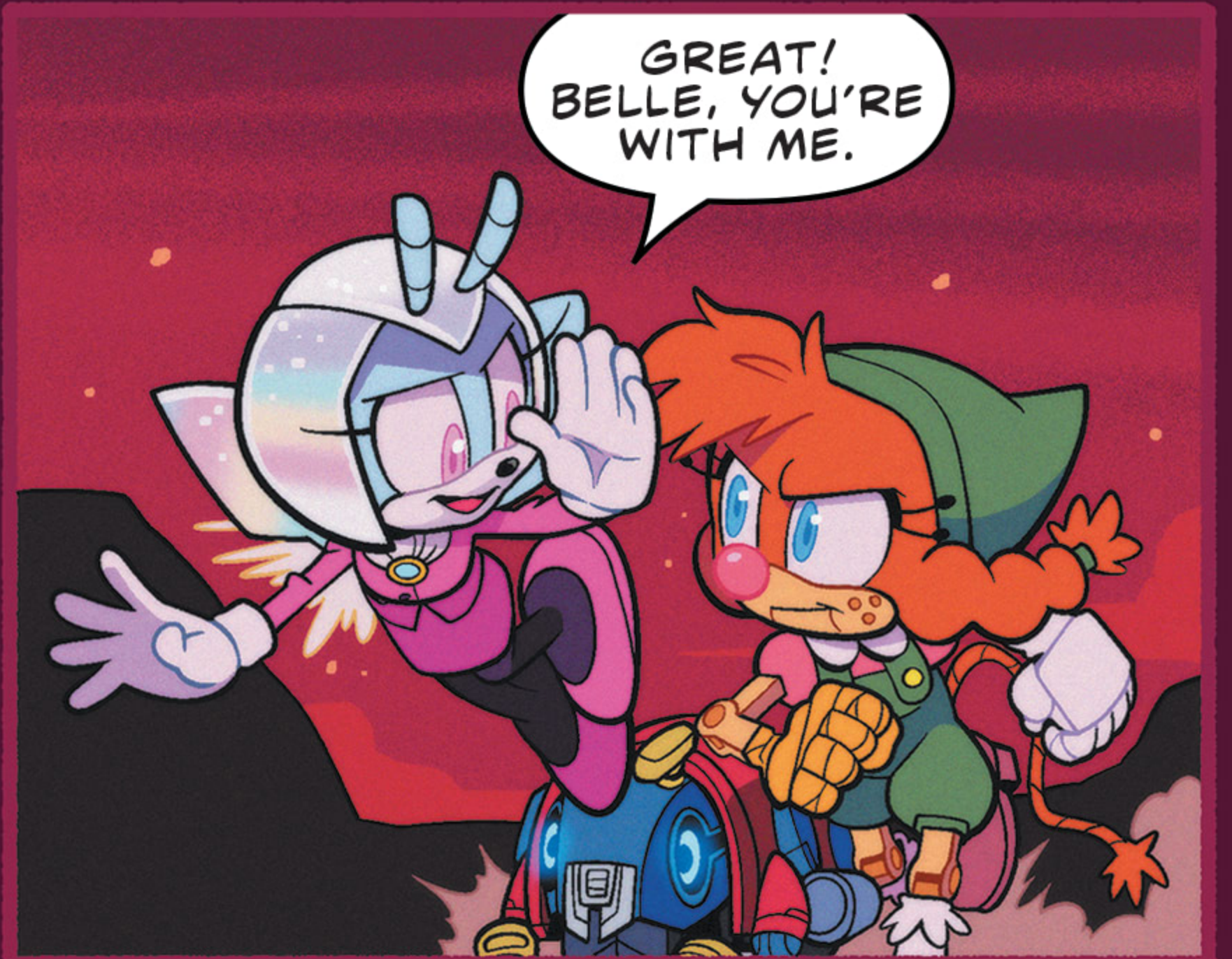




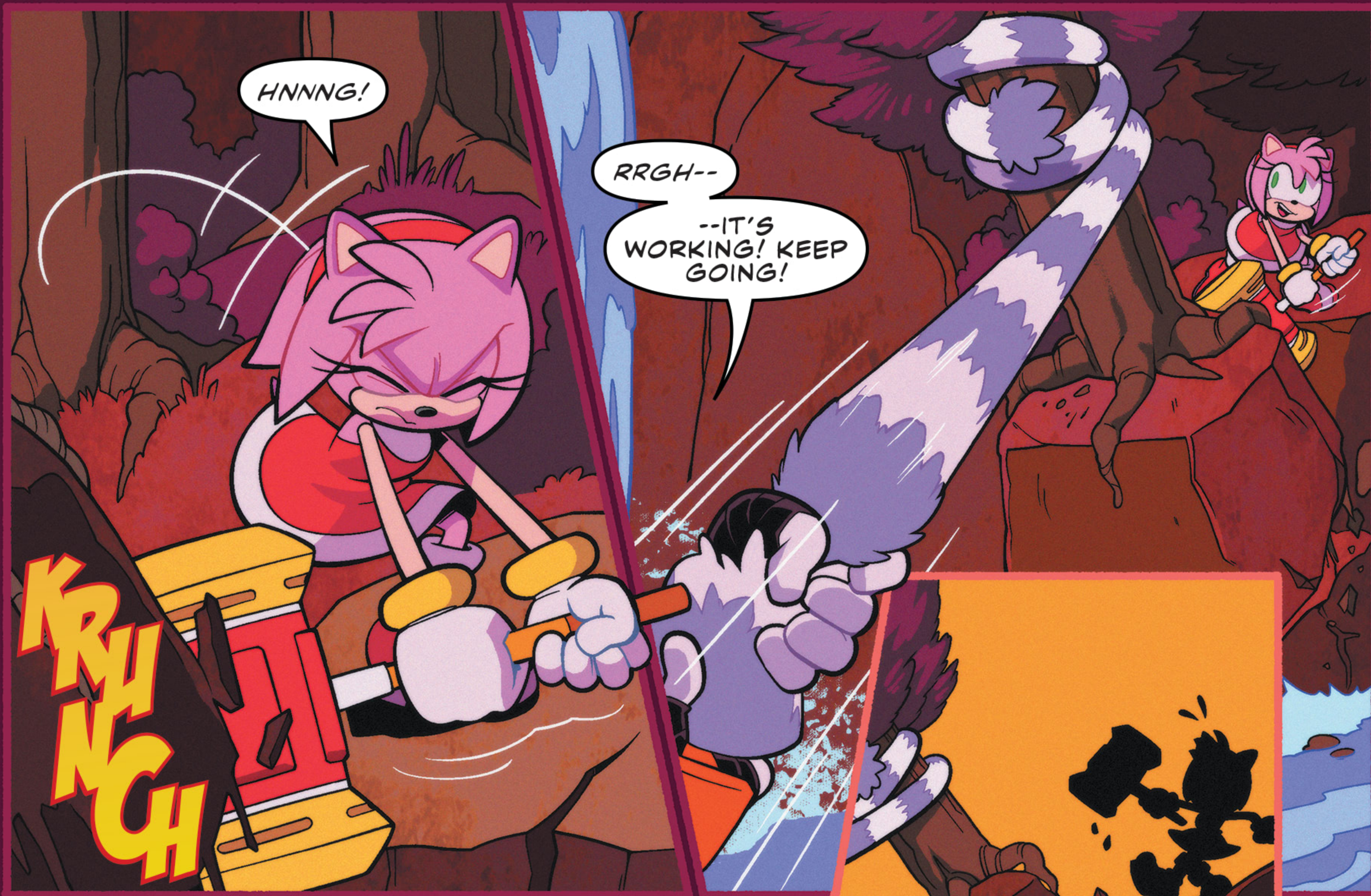




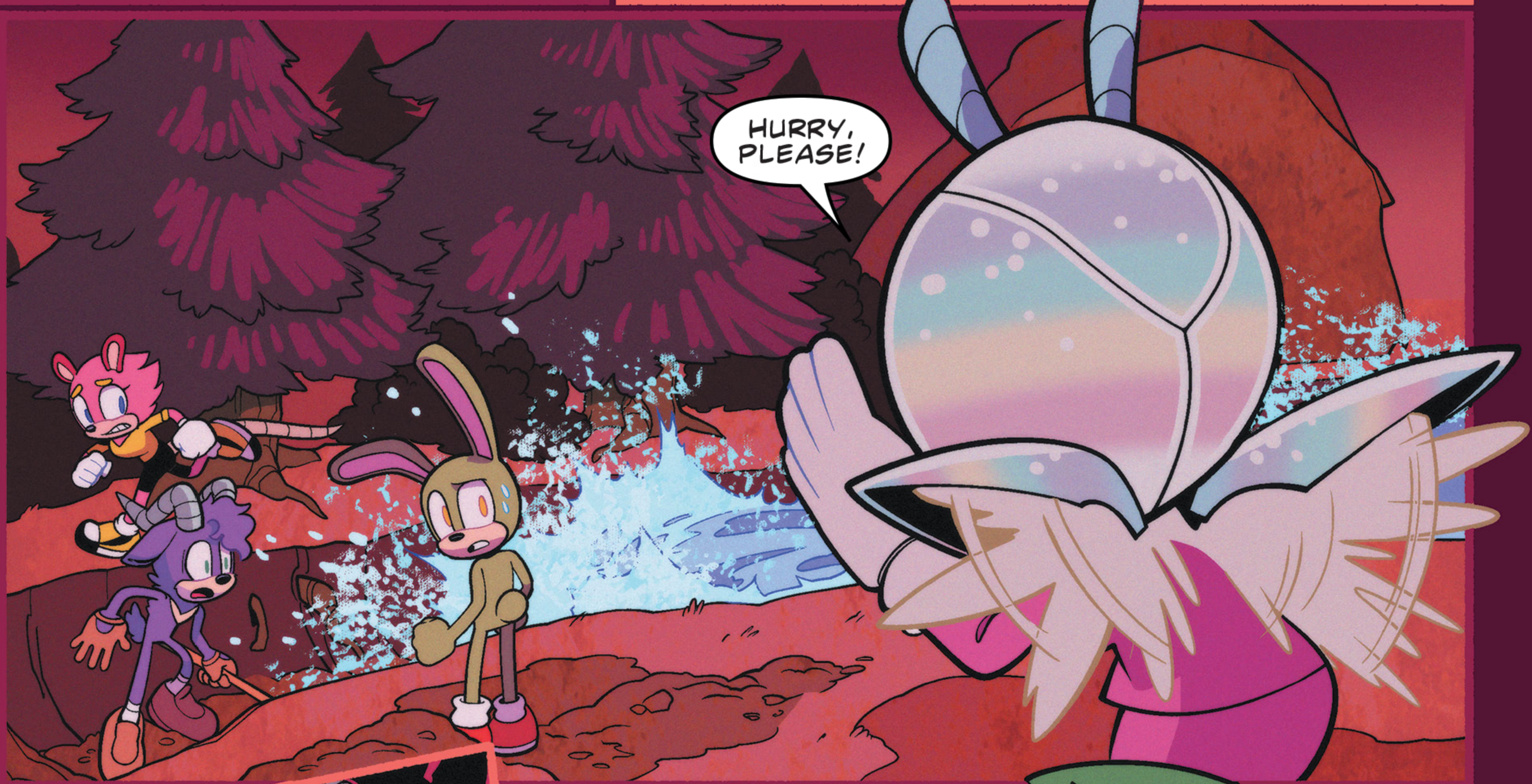
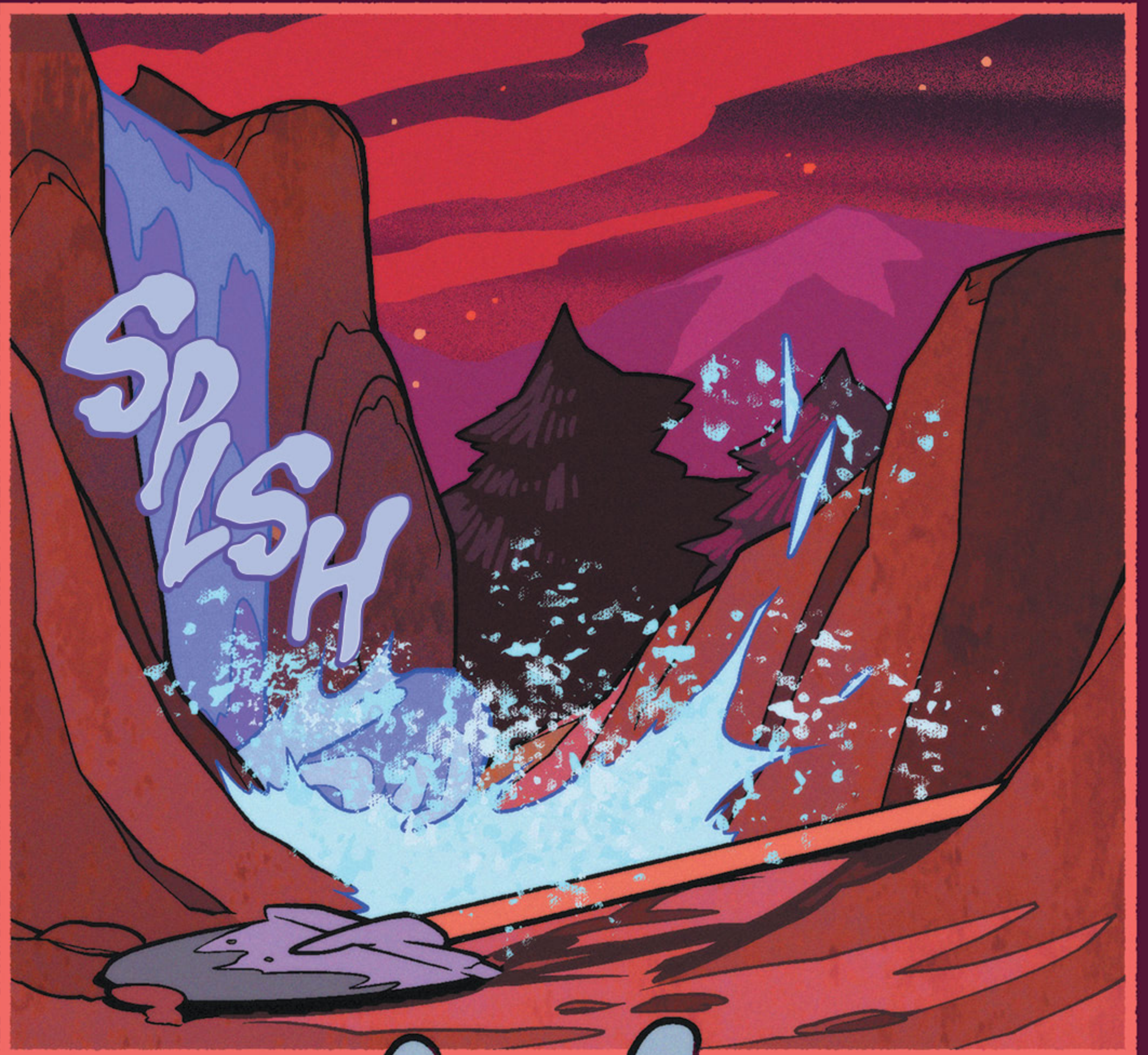
# LET'S GO!



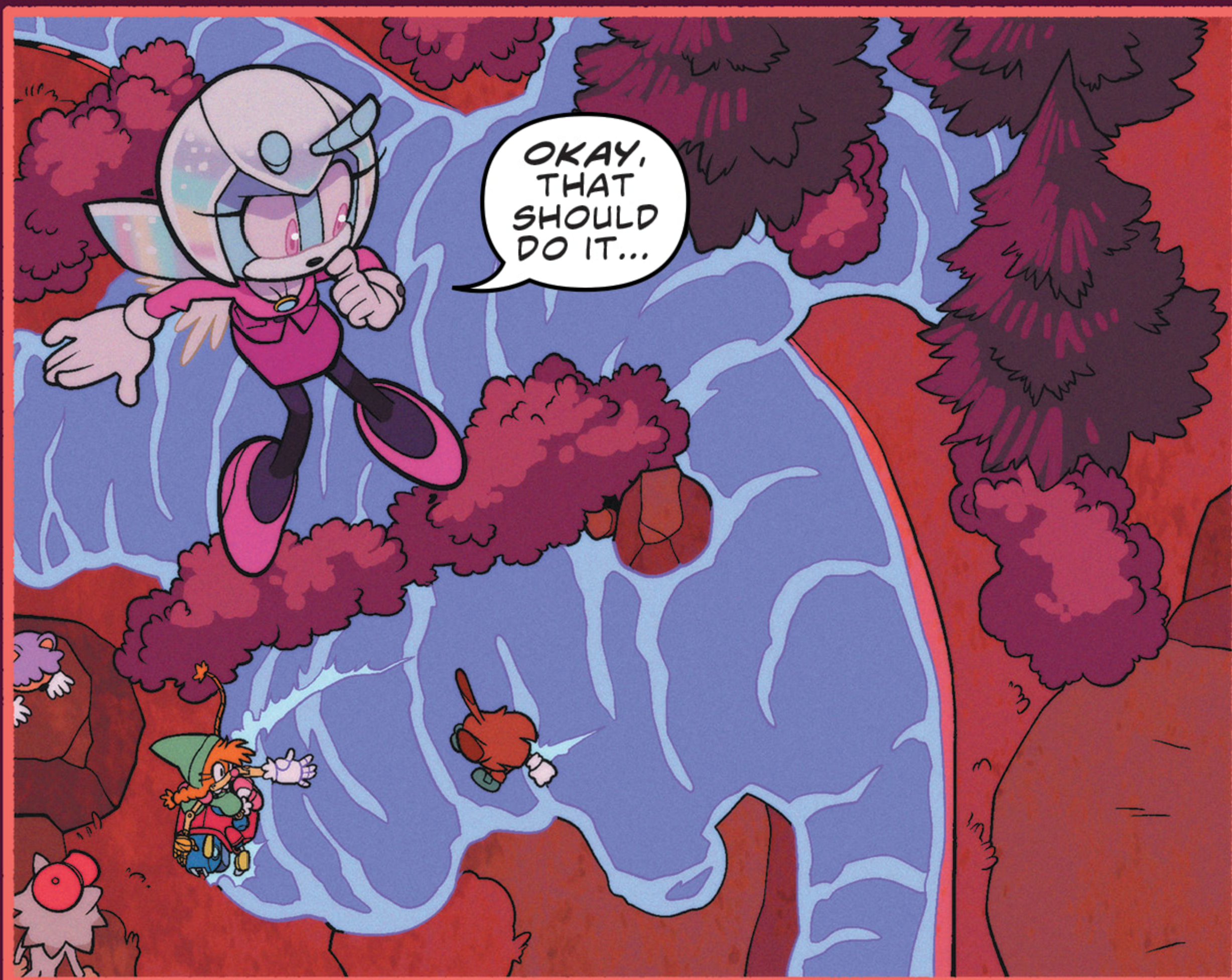










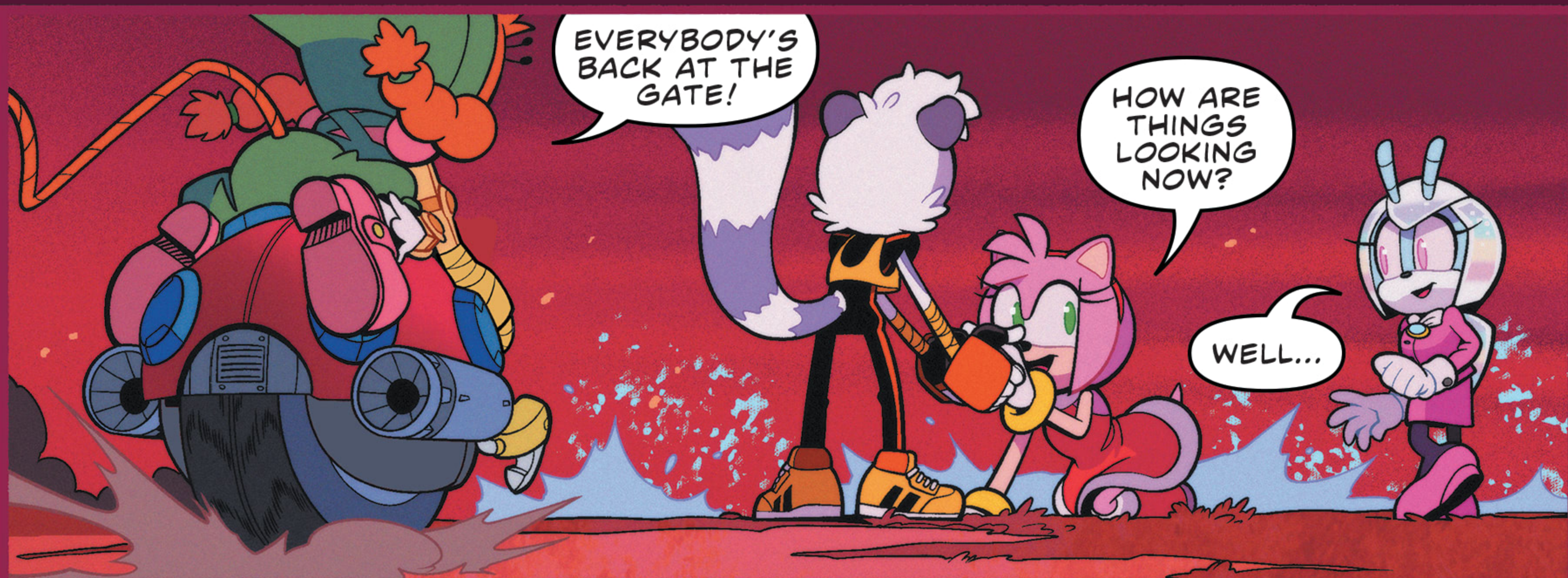






THAT SHOULD RETURN THE RIVER TO ITS NATURAL COURSE, ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SOME NEW WHITEWATER.

THAT'S A BONUS IN MY BOOK!



EVERYBODY'S BACK AT THE GATE!

HOW ARE THINGS LOOKING NOW?

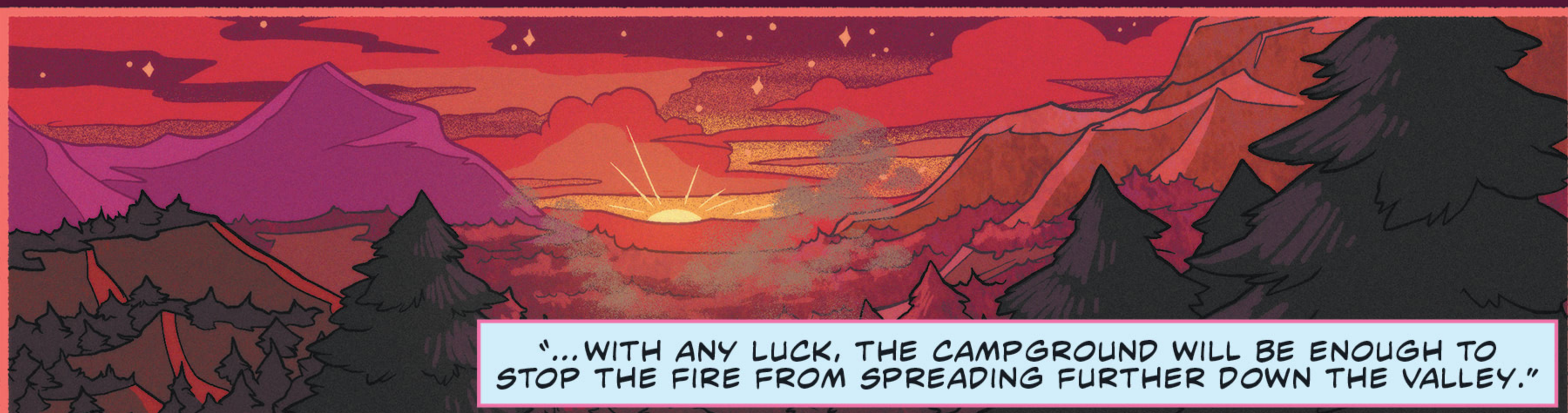
WELL...



"...THE WATER SOAKING THE GROUND WILL STOP THE FIRE FROM SPREADING THROUGH THE UNDERGROWTH..."

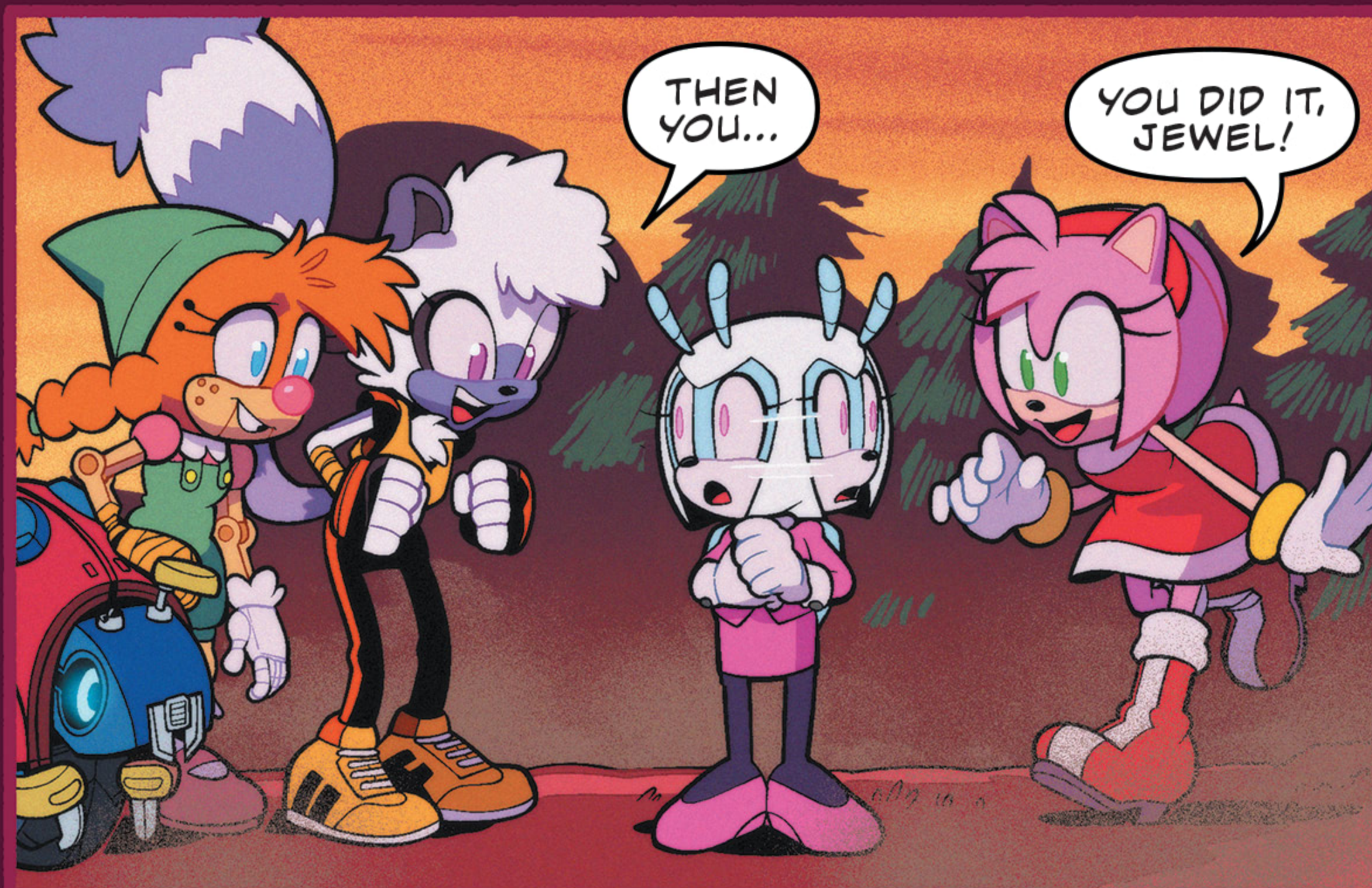


"...AND THE TREES IN CAMP ARE FAR ENOUGH APART TO PREVENT SPREAD THROUGH THE CANOPY..."



"...WITH ANY LUCK, THE CAMPGROUND WILL BE ENOUGH TO STOP THE FIRE FROM SPREADING FURTHER DOWN THE VALLEY."









UH...



THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT! WELL IT IS, BUT NOT LIKE HOW IT--  
--AH, GEEZ.

TANGLE. IT'S OKAY.



I... I KNOW. THE RESTORATION HAS BEEN STIFLING YOU. BUT YOU STAYED, FOR ME.  
AND I LET YOU DO IT, BECAUSE I WASN'T BRAVE ENOUGH TO GO IT ALONE...



I...

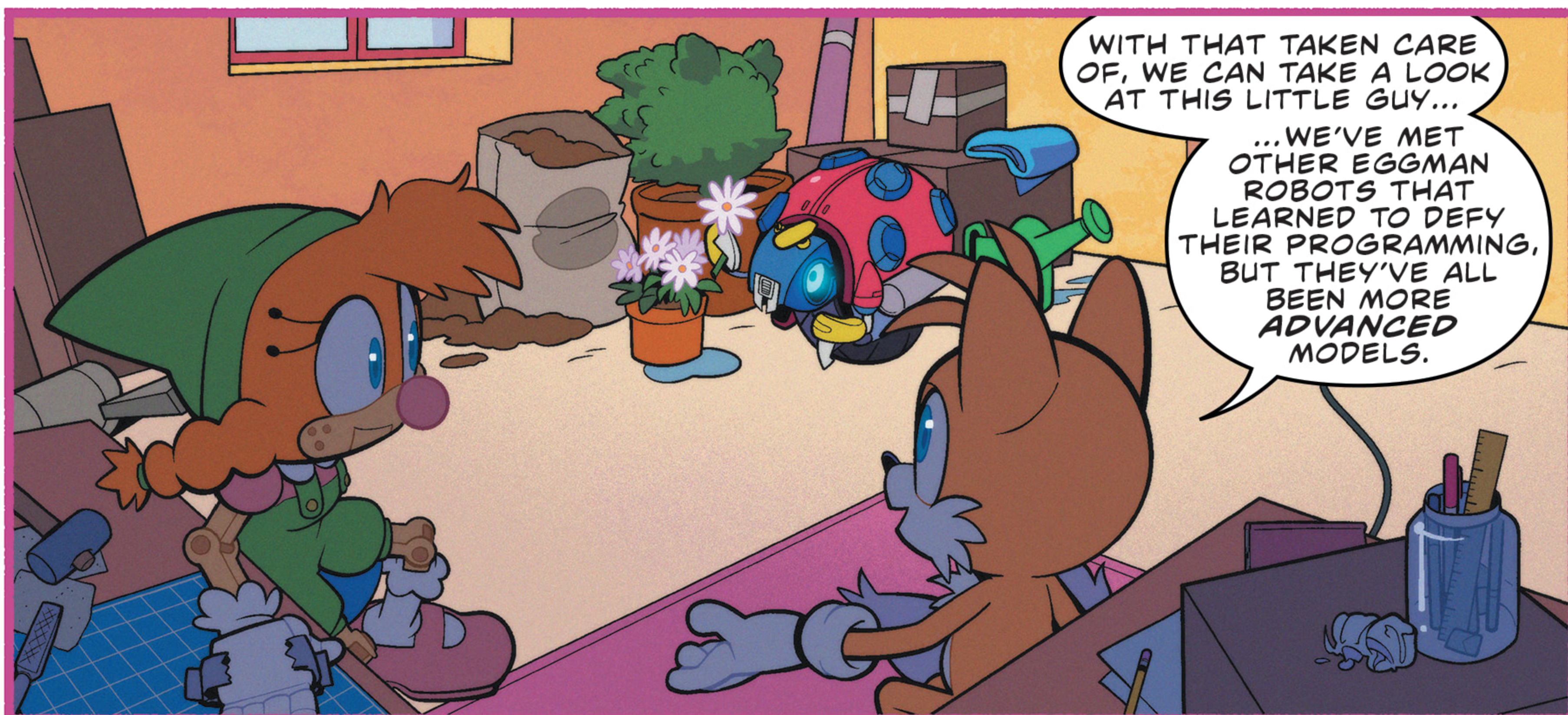
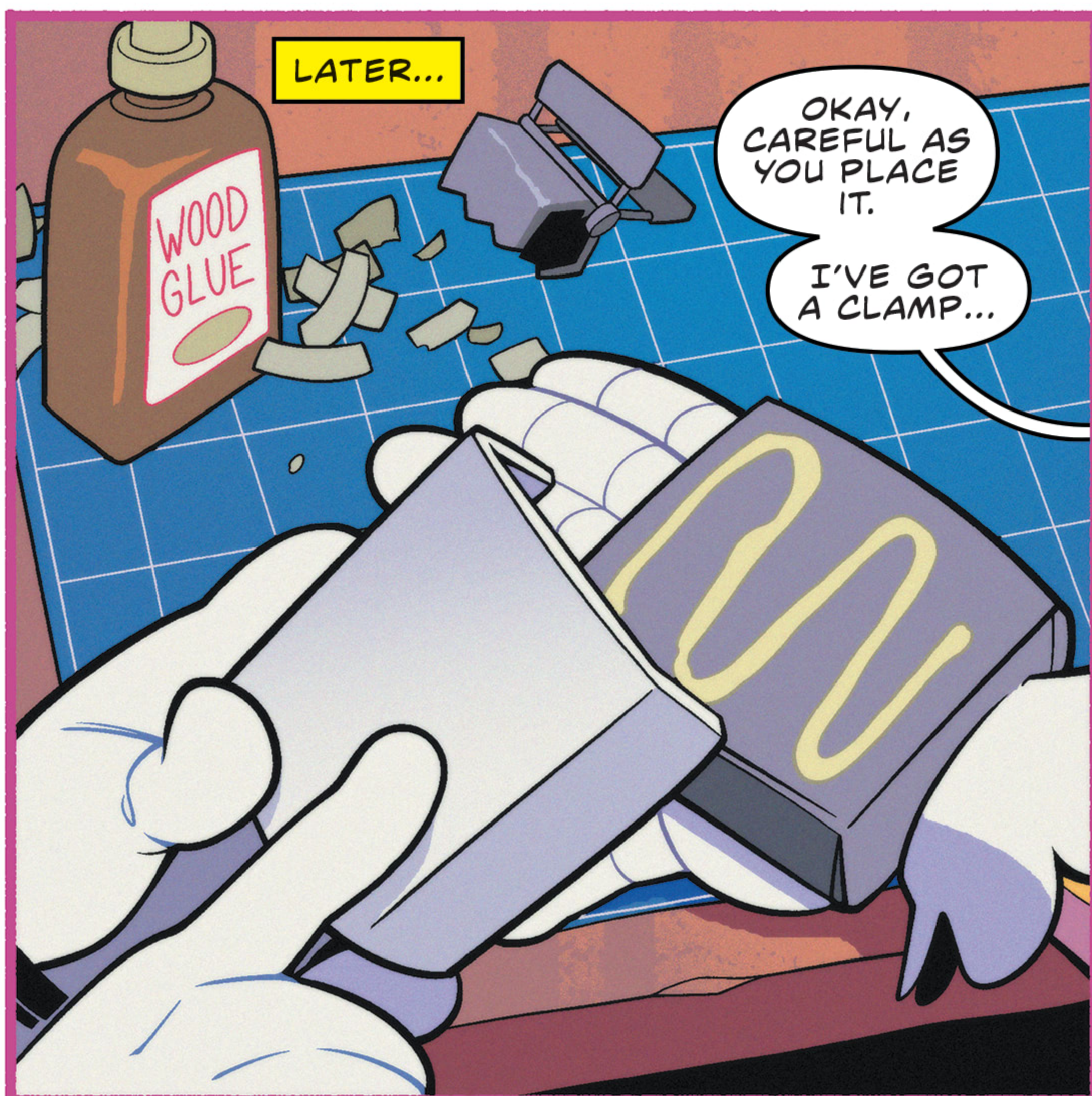
WHAT THE RESTORATION'S DOING... IT'S NOT FOR EVERYONE. THE WORLD NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU TOO, TANGLE. SO EVEN IF YOU GO YOUR OWN WAY. IT'S OKAY. I'LL BE OKAY.

NO MATTER WHAT, I'M SO, SO PROUD OF YOU.

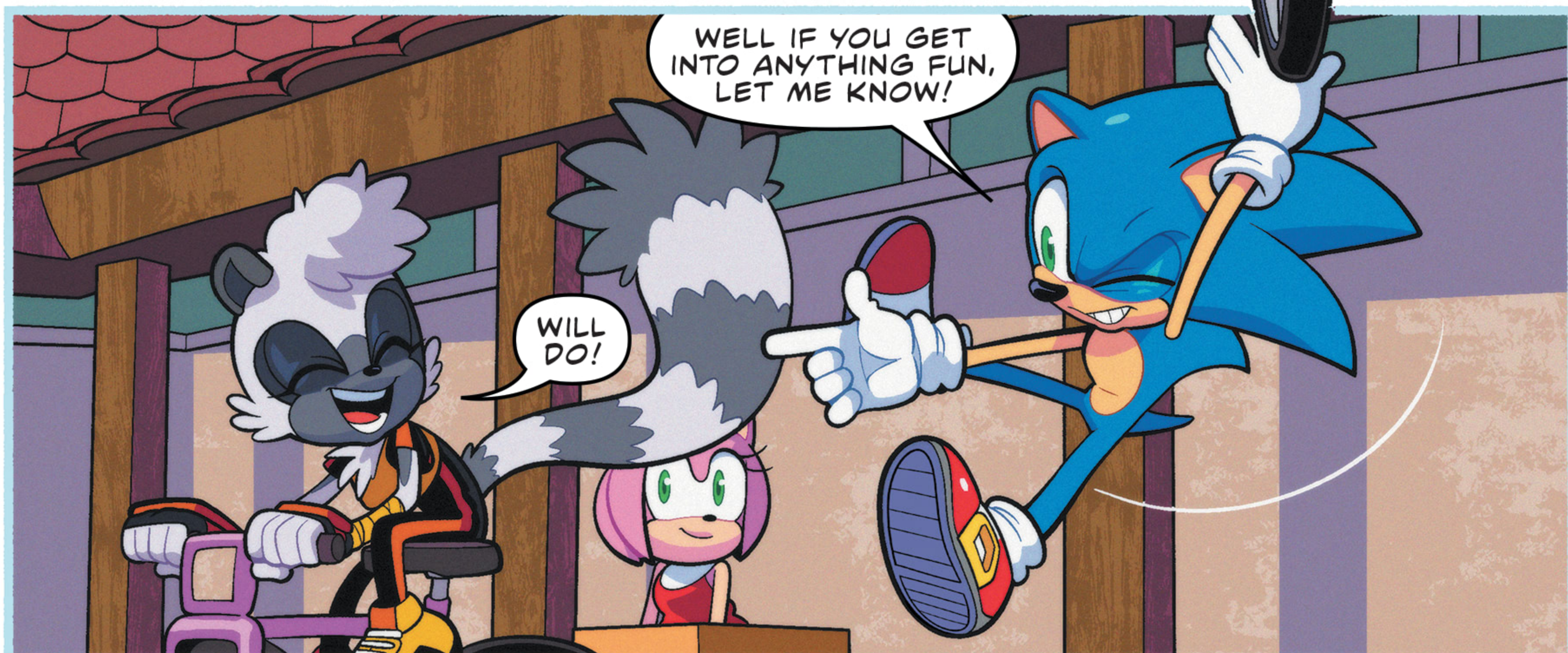


...THANKS, JEWEL.

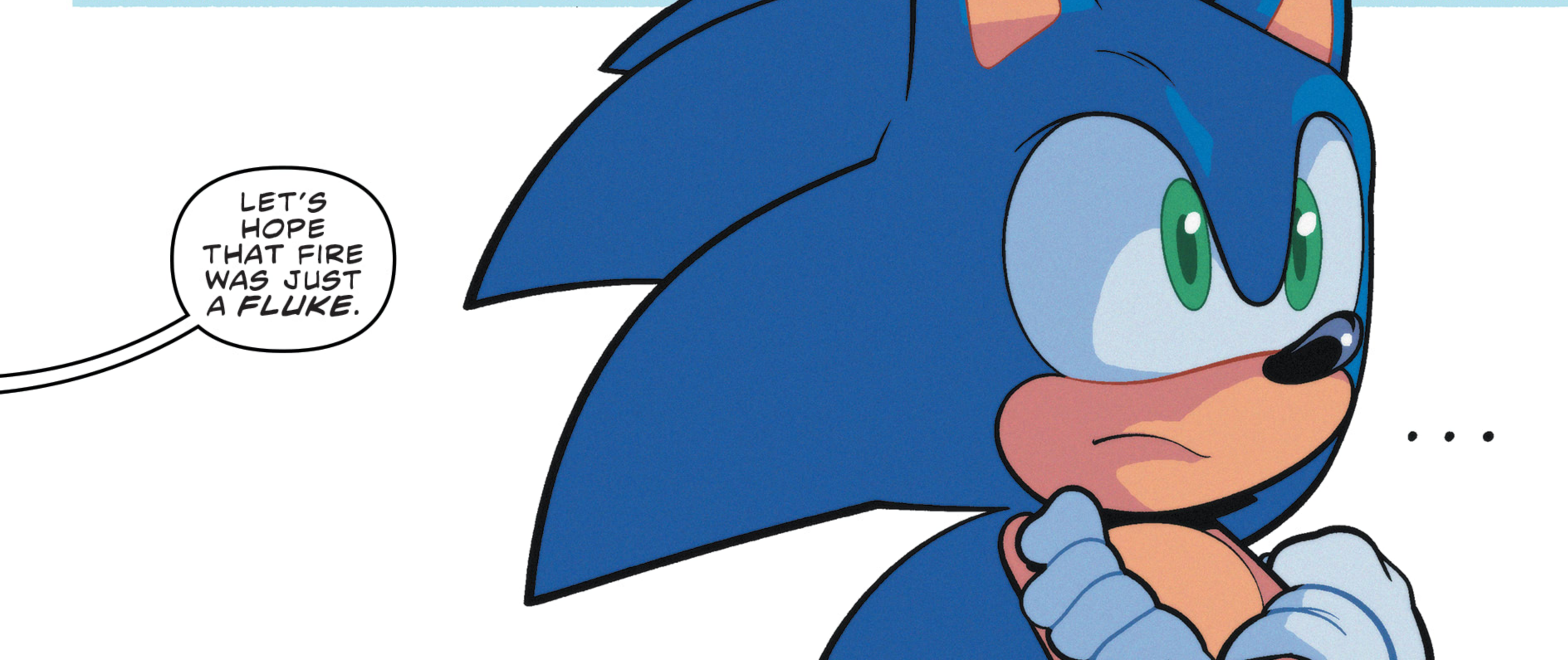
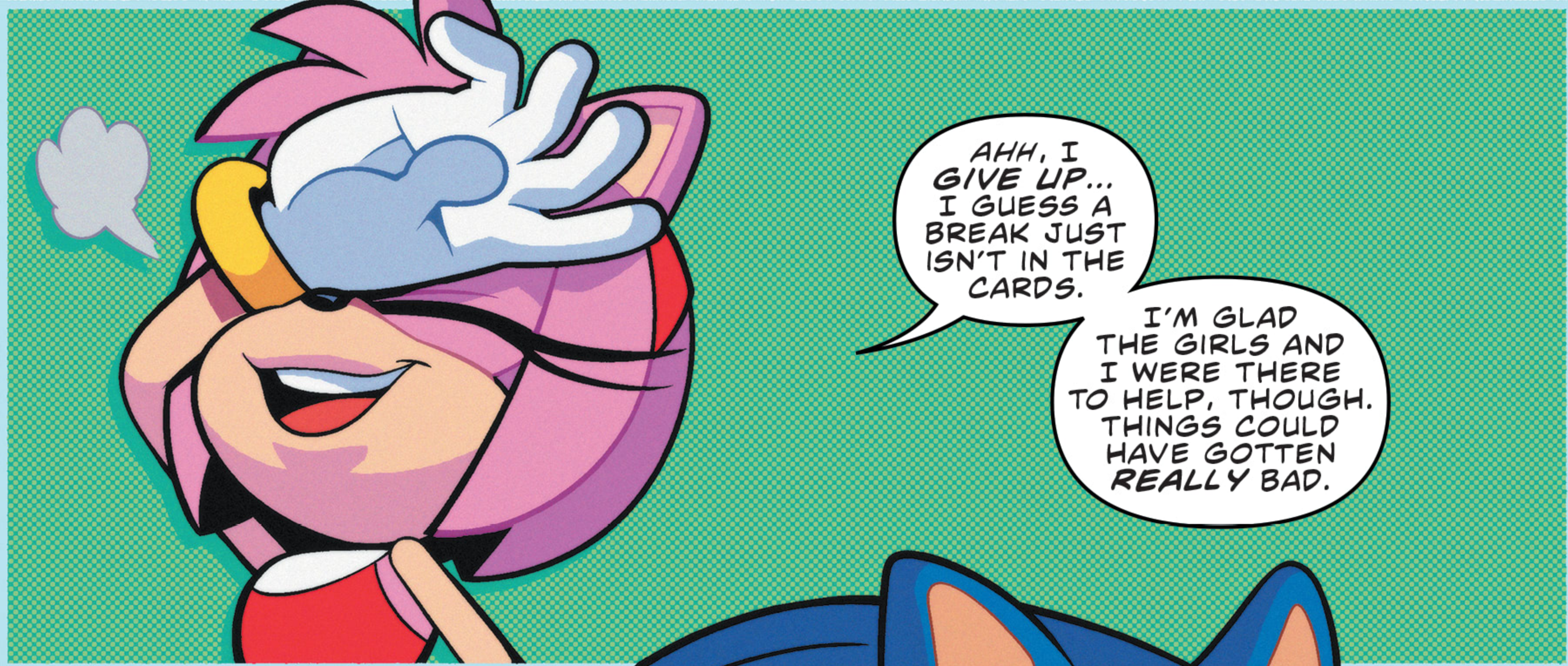
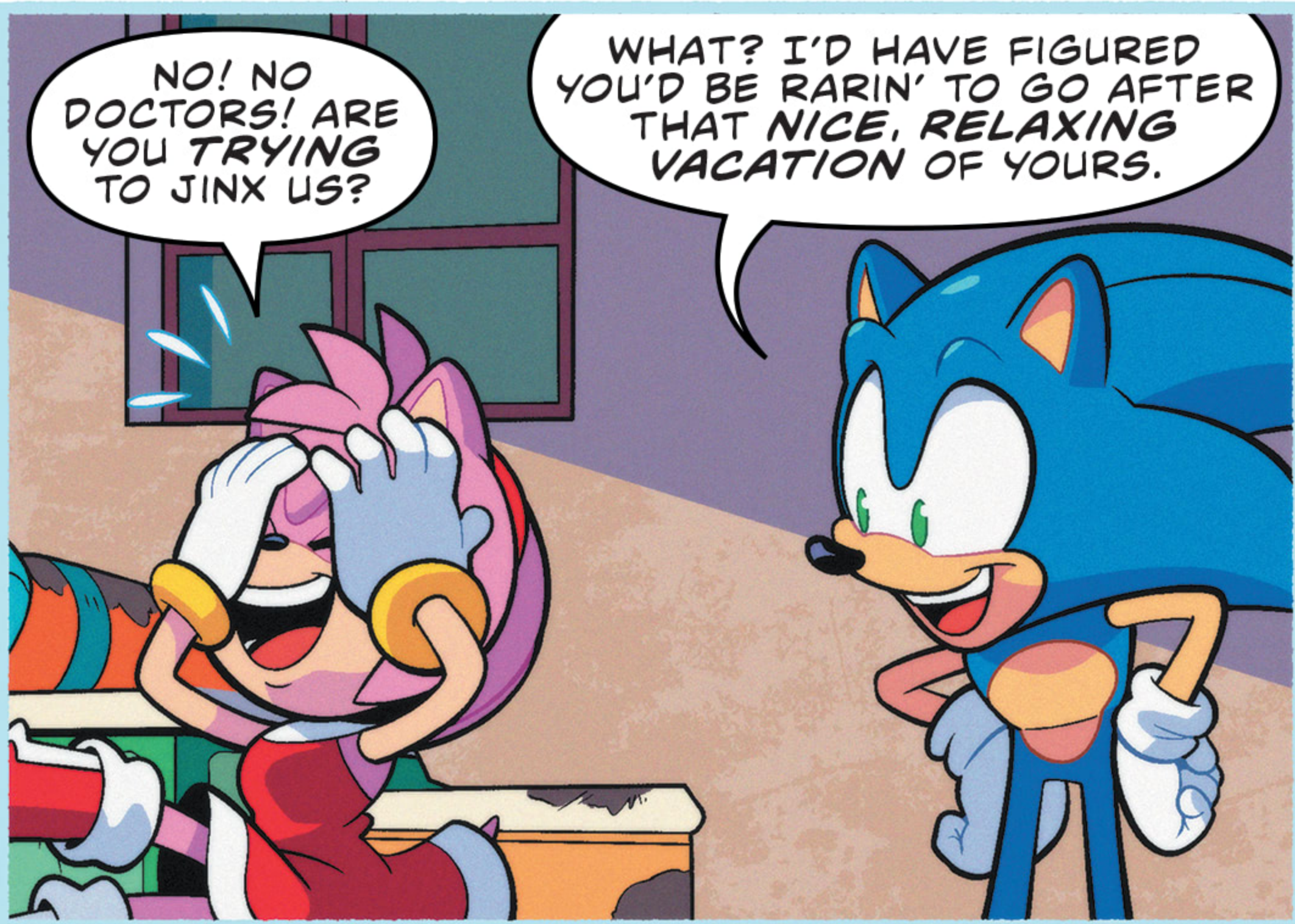
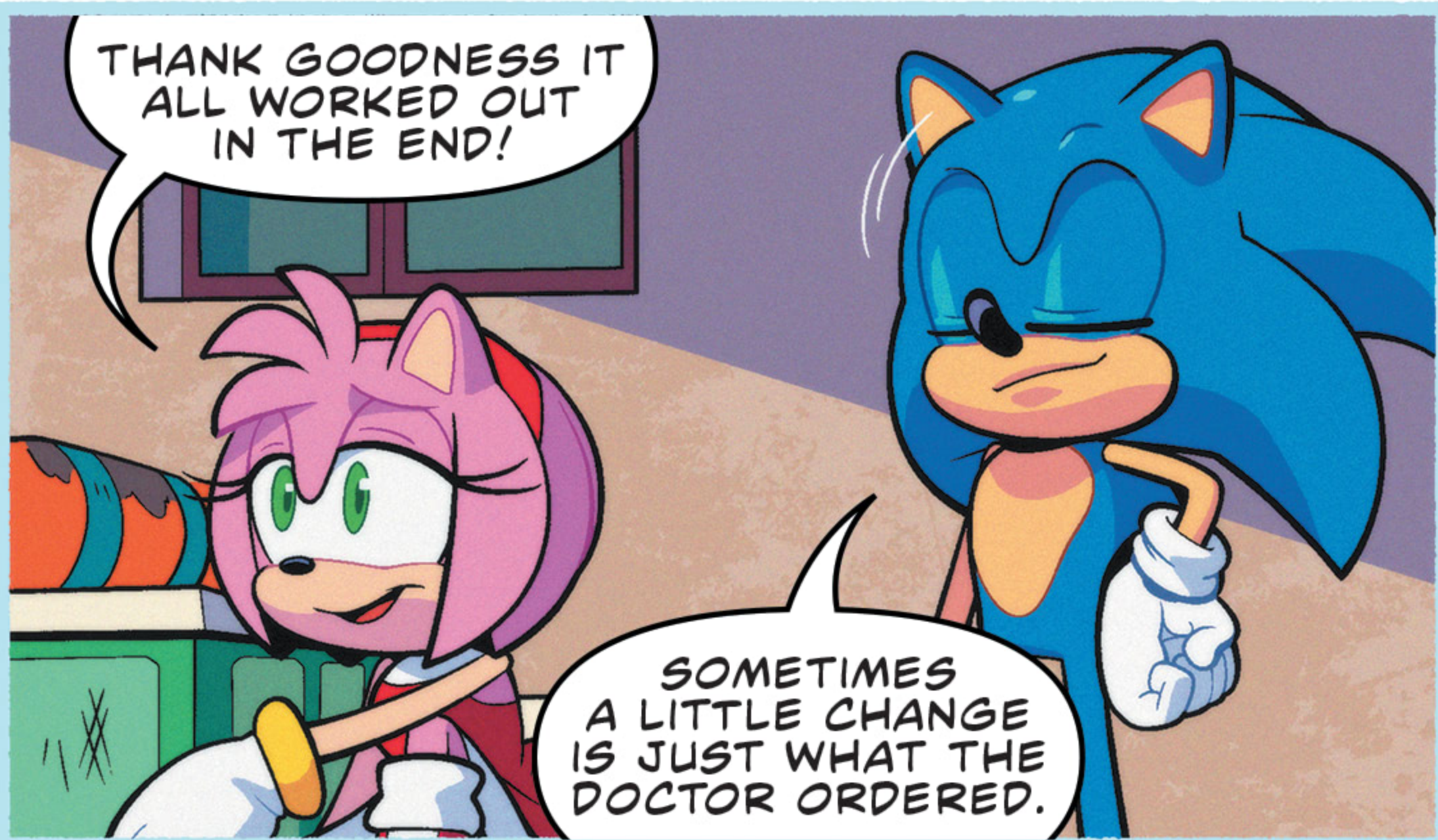




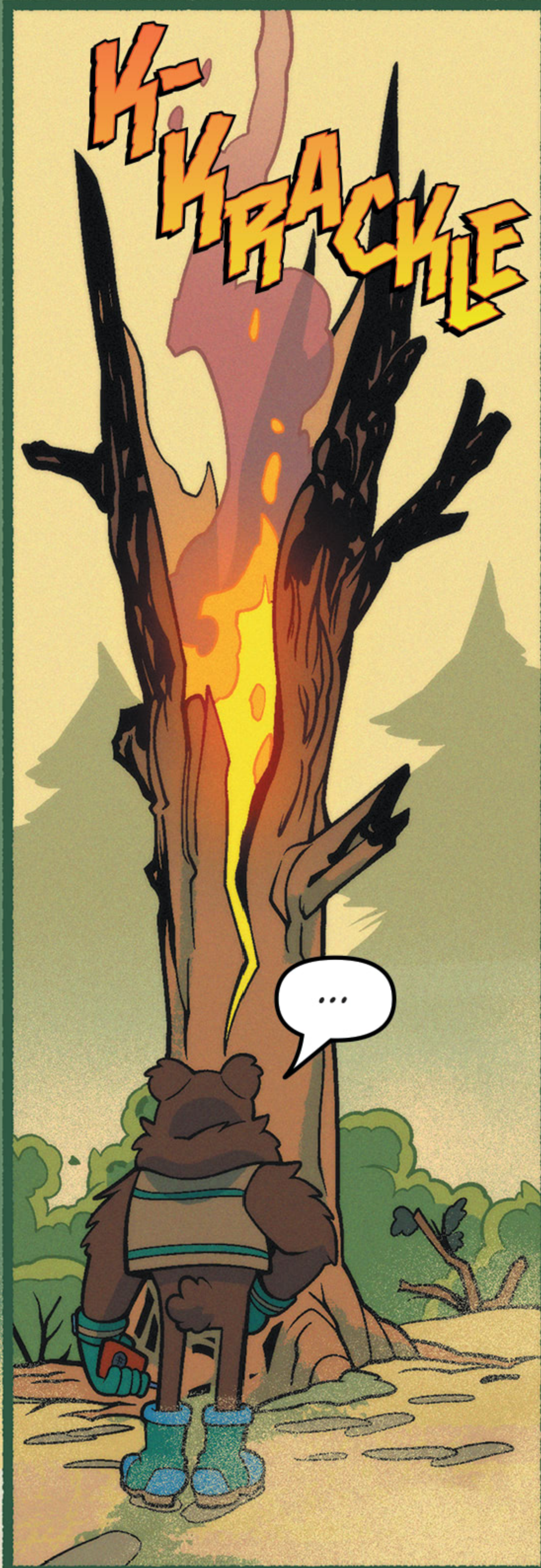














"...THIS WAS  
NO ACCIDENT."



**NEXT TIME: THE CHAOTIX  
ARE ON THE CASE!**





**NEXT MONTH**

**CHAOTIX**  
CONFIDENTIAL  
Presents...  
**VILLAINS**  
WITH FILTHY  
FACES!

**WANTED!**  
GI THIS WEIRD CREEP  
TILL AT IT! STOP IT!  
BODY LIVES YOU!!!  
**CRIME**  
THE RESTORATION  
UP... H... H...

Welcome to  
**CENTRAL  
CITY!**

**CHAOS  
SPACE**  
CHAOS  
COLA vs  
CHAOS  
SOON

**SHU!!!**

*Sensational* **DRAMA AND SUSPENSE!**





# SONIC

# LETTERS SQUAD

*Hi, campers! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Matt Froese, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee for the final part of “Trial By Fire”! Now, a special message from Evan Stanley!*

Hi!

I asked my editors for a chance to write a letter in the back of this story, as the inspiration for “Trial by Fire” was especially personal to me. It’s the final form of a story I’ve wanted to tell for years. See, this arc was inspired by a real-life experience: when I was around 15, my family went on a whitewater rafting trip down the Rogue River in Oregon. Forest fires broke out on the surrounding mountainsides as we were deep in the wilderness and our only way out was through the rapids. Happily, we were all fine, and I got some great material to use all these years later!

But this is about more than an exciting adventure; the danger of forest fire is extremely real, and growing every year. While I was planning out the details of this arc in the summer of 2020, over 40,000 acres of the beautiful Redwood forests in my hometown’s mountains burned in a fire sparked by a dry lightning storm; an extreme weather event which, before the onset of climate change, was unheard of in the area. Not only were some of the world’s tallest and oldest trees destroyed, but thousands of people were displaced or left homeless... and this is only one of many similar events happening every year, all around the world. I hope that this story can serve as a reminder to respect the power of fire and the environment in our daily lives. Hopefully, in times of crisis we can work together to get through it, and safeguard ourselves and our world against more hurt.

And in the spirit of that, here’s a few safety tips to keep in mind:

Always fully extinguish campfires with water poured over and mixed with the ashes until it’s cold, or completely smothered with dirt.

Be mindful of how you handle fire and other ignition sources in your daily life, especially in dry areas where flammable material is plentiful.

Only start fires when and where it’s allowed. Look up fire safety rules for your local area before doing anything involving fire; there might be restrictions, or permits you need.

You may also be able to look up information on fire prevention, as well as preparation, evacuation, and ways to help your community in the event of fire.

Wildfires are made more likely by human impact on the environment; it’s good to learn about your local ecosystems and how you can fit into them.

Thank you so much for reading!

Evan Stanley  
Artist/Writer

*Thank you for joining us, Squad. Please don’t forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them: “OKAY TO PRINT!” And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, trouble in Central City and the Chaotix are on the case!*





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**ART NATHALIE FOURDRAINE**



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## THE HEDGEHOG

### IMPOSTER SYNDROME



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TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S  
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